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The Parish of.....hereby applies for admission to the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention, and it is hereby certified under authority of the Wardens and Vestry that it has been a duly organized Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island for the space of one year, and has maintained regular public worship during that time.

.....Parish Clerk.

.....
} Wardens.
.....

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LIST OF PARISHES

OF THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION,

WITH THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

1888.

Trinity Church, Newport	1698	First.
St. Paul's Church, Wickford	1707	Second.
St. Michael's Church, Bristol	1719	Third.
St. John's Church, Providence	1722	Fourth.
St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket	1816	Fifth.
Grace Church, Providence	1829	Sixth.
St. Mark's Church, Warren	1829	Seventh.
St. James's Church, Woonsocket	1832	Eighth.
Zion Church, Newport	1833	Ninth.
St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich	1833	Tenth.
Christ Church, Lonsdale	1834	Eleventh.
St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth	1834	Twelfth.
Christ Church, Westerly	1834	Thirteenth.
Emmanuel Church, Manville	1835	Fourteenth.
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown	1837	Fifteenth.
St. Stephen's Church, Providence	1839	Sixteenth.
Church of the Ascension, Wakefield	1839	Seventeenth.
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth	1843	Eighteenth.
St. Philip's Church, Crompton	1845	Nineteenth.
Trinity Church, Pawtucket	1845	Twentieth.
All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence	1847	Twenty-first.
St. Peter's Church, Manton	1847	Twenty-second.

St. Thomas's Church, Greenville	1851	Twenty-third.
Emmanuel Church, Newport	1852	Twenty-fourth.
Church of the Messiah, Providence	1856	Twenty-fifth.
St. John's Church, Barrington	1859	Twenty-sixth.
Church of the Redeemer, Providence	1860	Twenty-seventh.
Church of the Saviour, Providence	1863	Twenty-eighth.
Christ Church, Providence	1865	Twenty-ninth.
St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston	1866	Thirtieth.
St. John's Chapel, Ashton	1868	Thirty-first.
St. James's Church, Providence	1869	Thirty-second.
All Saints' Church, Pontiac	1869	Thirty-third.
St. Mary's Church, East Providence	1871	Thirty-fourth.
St. Paul's Church, Providence	1871	Thirty-fifth.
St. George's Church, Lincoln	1874	Thirty-sixth.
Trinity Church, Bristol	1875	Thirty-seventh.
Church of the Epiphany, Providence	1875	Thirty-eighth.
St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier	1875	Thirty-ninth.
St. John's Church, Newport	1882	Fortieth.
St. Mark's Church, Riverside	1883	Forty-first.
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet	1885	Forty-second.
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket	1888	Forty-third.
Church of the Ascension, Auburn	1888	Forty-fourth.

PARISHES NOT IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Names.	Places.
St. Barnabas's Church	Apponaug.
All Saints' Chapel	Newport.
St. Andrew's Church	Phenix.
St. Thomas's Church	Providence.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

JUNE, 1888.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, residing in Providence.

Rev. William N. Ackley, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Rev. Julius W. Atwood, Rector of St. James's Church, Providence.

Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. Hamilton M. Bartlett, Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Providence.

Rev. Evelyn P. Bartow, Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Rev. Frederick J. Bassett, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Providence.

Rev. Henry Bassett, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Providence.

Rev. William M. Chapin, Rector of St. John's Church, Barrington; Post Office, Barrington Centre.

Rev. William Sheafe Chase, Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket.

Rev. Benjamin H. Chase.

Rev. William S. Child, S. T. D., Minister in charge of St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. E. Warren Clark.

Rev. Thomas H. Cocroft, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Providence, and Missionary in charge of St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Rev. James W. Colwell.

Rev. H. C. Cunningham.

Rev. John B. Diman, Officiating in Berkeley Memorial Chapel, Middletown.

Rev. Phineas Duryea, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.

Rev. Benjamin Eastwood, Missionary in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket.

Rev. Geo. McClellan Fiske, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Rev. Charles G. Gilliat, Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Rector of St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

Rev. David H. Greer, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Providence.

Rev. William M. Groton, Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. John G. Hammarsköld. Missionary to the Swedes, Providence.

Rev. Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D., Rector of All Saint's Memorial Church, Providence.

Rev. Joseph M. Hobbs.

Rev. W. F. B. Jackson, Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Rev. Daniel Leach, D. D., Providence.

Rev. George L. Locke, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Rev. L. Walter Lott, Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Rev. George J. Magill, Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.

Rev. G. Ernest Magill.

Rev. William I. Magill, Missionary in charge of St. Thomas's Church, Greenville.

Rev. H. Usher Monro, Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Providence.

Rev. S. Wilson Moran, Rector of St. John's Church, Newport.

Rev. Robert Murray, Jr., Rector of St. John's Chapel, Ashton.

Rev. D. I. Odell.

Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, Missionary in charge of St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and St. Andrew's Mission, Phenix.

Rev. George Herbert Patterson, Rector of the Berkeley School, Providence.

Rev. Robert B. Peet, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Newport.

Rev. J. Sturgis Pearce, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. Emery H. Porter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket.

Rev. Delancy G. Rice, Providence.

Rev. C. A. L. Richards, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. E. S. Rousmaniere, Rector of All Saints' Church, Pontiac.

Rev. W. W. Sever, Missionary in charge of St. George's Church, Central Falls, and St. Philip's Mission, Valley Falls.

Rev. Samuel Snelling, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Providence.

Rev. George R. Spink, Officiating at St. Mary's Church, East Providence.

Rev. Albert J. Thompson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

Rev. Charles H. Tindell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier.

Rev. William R. Trotter, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol.

Rev. William P. Tucker, Rector of Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Rev. James P. Ware, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Manville.

Rev. Samuel H. Webb, Rector of Christ Church, Providence.

Rev. Francis Wharton, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. Charles H. Wheeler.

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Proceedings of the Convention.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
June 12, 1888.

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Session of the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention assembled for Divine Service in Grace Church, Providence, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Communion Office was begun by the Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER BURGESS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy. Hymn 273 was sung, after which the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Rector of St. George's Church, Central Falls, from St. John IV. 38 :

"*Other men labored and ye are entered into their labors.*"

The Communion Office was then proceeded with by Bishop CLARK, who was assisted in the same and in the administration, by Bishop BURGESS, the Rev. H. M. BARTLETT, the Rev. C. A. L. RICHARDS, D. D., and the Rev. W. W. SEVER.

After a recess of fifteen minutes the Convention was called to order, the Bishop in the Chair.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary. The Roll was then called, as follows :

LIST OF CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS AND A VOTE.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. William N. Ackley,
" Julius W. Atwood,
" Samuel G. Babcock,
" Evelyn P. Bartow,
" Hamilton M. Bartlett,
" Frederick J. Bassett,
" Henry Bassett,
" William M. Chapin,
" William S. Chase,
" *William S. Child, D. D.*,
" Thomas H. Cocroft,
" Phineas Duryea,
" Benjamin Eastwood,
" Geo. McClellan Fiske,
" *Charles G. Gilliat, Ph. D.*
" Daniel Goodwin,
" David H. Greer, D. D.
" William M. Groton,
" Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D.,
" W. F. B. Jackson,
" *Daniel Leach, D. D.*
" George L. Locke,
Rev. L. Walter Lott,
" George J. Magill,
" *William I. Magill*,
" S. Wilson Moran,
" H. Usher Monro,
" Robert Murray, Jr.,
" S. C. M. Orpen,
" *Geo. Herbert Patterson*,
" J. Sturgis Pearce,
" Robert B. Peet,
" Emery H. Porter,
" Delancy G. Rice,
" C. A. L. Richards, D. D.,
" Edmund S. Rousmainere,
" Winslow W. Sever,
" George R. Spink,
" Charles H. Tindell,
" William R. Trotter,
" William P. Tucker,
" James P. Ware,
" Samuel H. Webb,
" *Charles H. Wheeler.*

* Those whose names are in italics were not present.

ENTITLED TO SEATS BUT NOT TO A VOTE.

Rev. Benjamin H. Chase,
" *E. Warren Clark,*
" *James W. Colwell,*
" *H. C. Cunningham,*
" John B. Diman,
" John G. Hammarsköld,
Rev. *Joseph M. Hobbs,*
" G. Ernest Magill,
" *Daniel I. Odell,*
" Samuel Snelling,
" Albert J. Thompson,
" *Francis Wharton, D. D., LL. D.*

LAY DELEGATES AND SUBSTITUTES.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Providence.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
Jacob H. Martin,	*S. G. Trippe,*
John W. Vernon,	*T. P. I. Goddard,*
M. B. I. Goddard,	*J. H. DeWolf,*
D. L. D. Granger,	C. T. Dorrance.

Grace Church, Providence.

Charles Morris Smith,	John W. Angell,
John B. Anthony,	Joshua M. Addeman,
Rathbone Gardner,	*George W. Prentice,*
John P. Campbell,	*George A. Buffum.*

St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Lyman Klapp,	*Joseph Dewes,*
William Ames,	*Charles C. Nichols,*
R. H. I. Goddard,	J. H. Ormsbee,
Freeborn Coggeshall,	*Walter G. Webster.*

All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
B. Frank Pabodie,	*L. T. Foster*,
G. C. Nightingale, Jr.,	*George W. Porter*,
James Tiffany,	*S. A. Kingsley*,
George W. B. Bourn.	*G. H. Hagan.*

Church of the Messiah, Providence.

Edward M. Winsor,	*E. Crawford Hale*,
William H. Patterson,	William A. Huse,
Joseph H. Saunders,	*William Pioneer*,
Albert J. Thornley.	*Frank M. Sweeney.*

Church of the Redeemer, Providence.

Winslow Upton,	*Elisha C. Mowry*,
George D. Briggs,	*S. E. Merchant*,
John B. Wheeler,	*Richard Macomb*,
Charles B. Manchester.	*Richard L. James.*

Church of the Saviour, Providence.

Augustus W. Mathewson,	*Zechariah Chafee, Jr.*,
Charles H. Mumford,	*Henry A. Ruth*,
Daniel W. Brown,	*Edward J. F. Coleman*,
Edward B. Hamlin.	George B. Rawson.

Christ Church, Providence.

William J. Crossley,	*Henry Thompson*,
William Russell, Jr.,	*George W. Dickinson*,
Thomas I. Hudson,	*George A. Midwood*,
Sylvanus A. Bliss.	John P. Erickson.

St. James's Church, Providence.

F. E. Richmond,	*Amos M. Bowen*,
Joseph H. Fanning,	*James Cannell*,
Christopher Blanding,	*John E. Bolan*,
Frederick M. Ballou.	*Chester W. Kelly.*

St. Paul's Church, Providence.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
Henry T. Beckwith,	*Richard A. Bailey*,
Samuel B. Hobson,	*David Chambers*,
William Staples,	*John A. Carter*,
A. V. Jencks.	*William Foster*.

Church of the Epiphany, Providence.

William Halton,	Henry S. Olney,
Edward D. Bassett,	*Augustus Remick*,
George H. Lincoln,	Henry Gregory,
Albert D. Lippitt.	*William L. Reynolds*.

St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket.

W. W. Blodgett,	*Fred R. Mason*,
Charles W. Allen,	*Herbert Rice*,
George A. Mumford,	*H. W. Davenport*,
George E. Bamford.	*Charles French*.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Claudius B. Farnsworth,	*Louis G. R. Clarner*,
William Warburton,	Claude J. Farnsworth,
Daniel M. Smith,	*William I. Small*,
Henry L. Dana.	*William O. Graham*.

St. George's Church, Lincoln.

George A. Kent,	*Thomas Oldham*,
John A. Blount,	*Alexander S. Sawyer*,
John P. Briden,	*Thomas Wallace*,
Robert K. Willoughby.	*Henry J. Harley*.

Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Addison Kinsman,	*Edwin Matthews*,
Henry Harman,	*C. S. Robinson*,
S. E. Carpenter,	*S. D. Learned*,
George W. Hawkins.	*James Isherwood*.

St. John's Chapel, Ashton.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
George Sparhawk,	James Williamson,
R. H. I. Goddard,	*John Patterson*,
William H. Beebe,	*Enoch Hampshire*,
John Mills.	*Charles H. Mills.*

Emmanuel Church, Manville.

William Waterman,	*George Handy*,
Cyrus Cook,	*Joseph Wood*,
T. W. Handy,	*E. R. Handy*,
W. H. Langshaw.	*John W. Hall.*

St. James's Church, Woonsocket.

Lyman A. Cook,	*L. C. Tourtellott*,
Henry Andrews,	*John North*,
Edgar M. Slocomb,	*Seth Arnold*,
George H. Miller.	*Henry P. Abbott.*

St. Thomas's Church, Greenville.

William Clegg,	*Nathan C. Estes*,
Joseph A. Estes,	Nathan B. Sprague,
Daniel W. Latham,	*Nathaniel S. Vaughn*,
William S. Steere.	*Albert S. Latham.*

St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Elisha O. Angell,	*W. E. Evans*,
A. T. Mansfield,	*William S. Steere*,
R. T. Robinson,	*J. B. Reed*,
D. H. Steere.	*D. Reid.*

St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston.

Charles Slocum,	*John Picket*,
John Gee,	*W. H. Blackington*,
Zachariah Hayward,	*D. U. Hagan*,
George Hill.	*John W. Bristow.*

Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
William J. Burge,	John G. Gardner,
William B. Rhodes,	*Charles Glines*,
Horace G. Miller,	*Thomas W. Gardner*,
Frank W. Bloomer.	George H. Webb.

St. Mary's Church, East Providence.

Rufus W. Adams,	*John Armstrong*,
Wallace J. Vernet,	*William Catlin*,
William E. Ripley,	*Charles Blackmar*,
Clarence A. Mathewson.	William Cook.

St. Mark's Church, Riverside.

Amasa Humphreys,	*James Martin*,
R. F. C. Brown,	*John J. Shaw*,
T. C. Hudson,	*Isaac Rogers*,
John A. Flagg.	*Frank C. Monroe.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Barrington.

William T. Lewis,	*Joseph U. Starkweather*,
Erastus L. Wolcott,	*John Jencks*,
J. T. A. Eddy,	*Charles E. Smith*,
Daniel H. Wood.	*H. Leavet Cady.*

St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Luther Cole,	*John Waterman*,
Lawton I. Ware,	*Charles A. Hoar*,
Daniel L. Turner,	*John Wheaton*,
James E. Pollard.	*Henry F. Batty.*

St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Edward S. Babbitt,	*Frederick F. Gladding*,
Thomas J. Usher,	*Edward Anthony*,
John H. Pitman,	*John W. Best*,
Alfred Luther.	*Raymond F. Taylor.*

Trinity Church, Bristol.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
H. F. Monroe,	*Darwin Almy,*
John P. Reynolds,	*H. K. Orme,*
Le Baron Bradford,	*Henry F. Card.*
Charles V. Perry,	*J. H. H. Mott,*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Newport.

John H. Cozzens,	V. Mott Francis,
Rodman Cornell,	*William G. Seabury,*
Walter L. Kane,	George G. King,
Le Roy King.	*John Ireys.*

Zion Church, Newport.

William H. Sherman,	*Elmer Leonard,*
Freeborn S. Waite,	*Joseph Armstrong,*
James H. Barney,	*J. W. B. Jackson,*
William S. Slocum.	*Alfred Barker.*

Emmanuel Church, Newport.

John Nicholas Brown,	*J. C. Wise,*
Andrew K. McMahon,	*George W. Barlow.*
John M. Taylor,	*Edward Taylor,*
William P. Clarke.	*Henry Weston.*

St. John's Chapel, Newport.

Remington Ward,	Peter Quire,
Willard Eddy,	*John C. Weaver.*
Clark Burdick,	*Arnold James,*
C. F. Goodrich.	*Courtland Gavitt.*

St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

George B. Anthony,	*Frank L. Thomas,*
Benjamin S. Anthony,	*D. Frank Gifford,*
Thomas Holman,	*Edward F. Anthony,*
Thomas L. Mitchell.	*Seth Anthony.*

St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
Restcom P. Manchester,	*Robert W. Anthony,*
James R. Chase,	*Lewis R. Manchester,*
William H. Gifford,	*Henry I. Chase,*
Robert S. Chase.	*Herbert Chase.*

St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

George H. Carr,	*T. A. H. Tefft,*
Audley Clark,	*C. C. Howland,*
John B. King,	*Lewis W. Anthony,*
Jeremiah Tefft.	*John J. Watson.*

KENT COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

William Goddard,	*B. Frank Vaughn,*
James H. Eldridge,	*D. A. Peirce,*
W. Maxwell Greene,	*S. B. Wickes,*
Nathaniel Gladding.	*William H. Taylor.*

St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Benjamin F. Waterhouse,	*William Stubbs,*
A. C. Dedrick,	*George Haddock,*
John Lord,	*John Allen,*
William Houston.	*Thomas Bigbee.*

All Saints' Church, Pontiac.

John Pollard,	*James Dow,*
John A. Carson,	*Noah Ashworth,*
Dan O. King,	*William W. Anderson,*
Robert M. Pollard.	*Job W. Corey.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

Delegates.	Substitutes.
James A. Greene,	*S. B. Church*,
C. F. Wightman,	*Ezbon Sanford*,
C. A. Chadsey,	*S. O. Myers*,
William Gregory.	*Richard F. Gardiner, Jr.*

Christ Church, Westerly.

Edwin Babcock,	*Charles Perrin*,
Samuel H. Cross,	*Nicholas Cranshaw*,
William Hoxsey,	*James Fyffe*,
Azro N. Lewis.	*Leander S. Clarke.*

Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.

George G. Pearse,
Francis M. Donally,
George C. Robinson,
Cornell Olney.

St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier.

Esbon S. Taylor, Jr.,	*James Waters*,
John H. Caswell,	*Alphonso Congdon*,
Charles E. Boon,	*William C. Gardiner.*
Freeman P. W. Tefft.	

Church of the Ascension, Auburn.*

John Matteson,
John A. Howland,
Albert M. Tanner,
George A. Rounds.

* This Parish was admitted into union with the Convention at its present session.

The President then declared the Convention to be duly organized.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the election of Secretary; the Rev. SAMUEL H. WEBB was unanimously re-elected, and with the consent of the Convention, appointed the Rev. JAMES P. WARE his assistant.

On motion, the Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER BURGESS, D. D., Bishop of Quincy, was invited to be present at the sessions of the Convention, and to sit with the Bishop.

Resolved, That clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to Honorary Seats in the Convention.

There were present the Rev. EDWARD OWEN, of the Diocese of Deleware; the Rev. J. B. MURRAY, D. D., of the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. O. O. WRIGHT, of the Diocese of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Alva E. Carpenter, of the Diocese of Vermont.

The following Committees were then appointed by the President:

ON CREDENTIALS.

Rev. GEORGE L. LOCKE,	Mr. Le Roy King,
" HENRY BASSETT,	" John W. Vernon.

ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

Rev. DANIEL GOODWIN,	Mr. Charles Morris Smith,
" R. B. PEET,	" Edwin Babcock.

ON CANONS.

Rev. C. A. L. RICHARDS. D. D.,	Mr. C. B. Farnsworth,
" DANIEL HENSHAW, S. T. D.,	" F. E. Richmond,
" E. H. PORTER,	" E. D. Bassett.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. William P. Tucker,
" Robert Murray, Jr.,
Mr. Henry Andrews,
" James A. Greene.

ON PLACE OF MEETING OF THE NEXT CONVENTION, ETC.

Rev. Thomas H. Cocroft,
" W. W. Sever,
" William M. Groton,
Mr. E. L. Walcott,
" John Nicholas Brown.

The applications of the parishes of the Church of the Ascension, Auburn, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, and St. Andrew's Church, Harris, for admission into union with the Convention, were on motion referred to the Committee on the admission of New Parishes.

The Committee on Canons made report of such additions, alterations and amendments, as in their judgment are necessary or desirable to the Constitution, Canons, Rules of Order and Standing Order of Business.

On motion, the report was received and made the order of the day after the Standing Order of Business for the day is closed.

The Committee appointed to draft a form of memorial or petition to the Legislature of this State praying for more stringent legislation in regard to the subject of Divorce, made report with recommendations and resolutions.

On motion, the report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Convention to present to the Legislature of this State in the form of a memorial or petition the gen-

eral facts and arguments contained in this report, together with the recommendations or suggestions for reform therein made.

Resolved, That the said committee be authorized to confer with representatives of other bodies of Christians, with a view of securing united action on the part of the religious community on the general lines herein defined.

HENRY BASSETT,
EDWARD S. BABBITT,
W. N. ACKLEY,
CLAUDIUS B. FARNSWORTH,
EDWARD D. BASSETT.

On motion a recess was taken till 2.15 P. M.

At the close of the recess the Convention was again called to order by the Bishop. The Treasurer of the Convention read his report, which was received and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix for report in detail.]

ABSTRACT FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Balance last year	$166 96
Paid to Bishop Clark	5,000 00
" " travelling expenses	100 00
S. H. Webb	165 00
Printing	288 23
Convention expenses	110 00
Assessment of General Convention	55 00
Note paid	300 00
To balance	82 75
	$6,267 94

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Received from assessment of 1886	$59 50
" " " 1887	3,241 00
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund	2,645 36
Interest	23 73
Note discounted	298 35
	$6,267 94
June 12. Balance	82 75

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

The Board of Audit and Finance then made report on Parish Assessments for Bishop's salary and Convention expenses. The report was received, ordered to be recorded and placed on file. [See Appendix].

Voted, That the assessments recommended by the Board of Audit and Finance for Bishop's salary and Convention expenses be ordered by this Convention.

The Registrar read his report, which was received and ordered to be printed.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

The Registrar respectfully reports that he has received during the past Conventional year, Journals of Diocesan Conventions from most of the Dioceses and Missionary jurisdictions in the United States. Donations have been made as follows: Rev. H. U. Monro, two volumes by Bishop Meade, entitled "Old Churches and Families of Virginia," seven volumes "Protestant Episcopal Quarterly," 1854–1860, twelve volumes "Church Review," 1849–1860, and several other volumes of interest and value. C. B. Farnsworth, Esq., "The Private Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals," by the Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, from 1795 to 1842, the year of his death. By purchase there have been obtained four volumes of "The Evergreen," containing many portraits of Bishops and clergymen, also a number of the earliest Journals of General Conventions, with many pamphlets of lesser value. Mr. F. E. Richmond has kindly caused an inventory to be made of the books and pamphlets now in the Archives, paying the expense of so doing. A catalogue should be made at an early date.

S. H. WEBB, *Registrar.*

PROVIDENCE, June 12, 1888.

The report of the Standing Committee was read, and, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee organized June 23, 1887, by the election of Rev. C. A. L. Richards, D. D., as President, and Mr. Charles Morris Smith as Secretary.

During the year Messrs. Johan Gottfried Hammarsköld, Richard M. Sherman, Jr., and Frank L. Titcomb, have been recommended to the Bishop as candidates for Holy Orders.

Messrs. John Byron Diman and Johan Gottfried Hammarsköld, have been recommended to the Bishop for admission to Deacon's orders.

Messrs. George Ernest Magill and Joseph Melzar Hobbs, have been recommended to the Bishop for admission to Priest's orders.

Consent has been given to the election of the Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, D. D., to be Bishop of the Diocese of Easton.

Consent has been given to the consecration of Rev. James Johnston, Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile, Alabama, he having been duly elected by the House of Bishops Missionary Bishop of Western Texas, and also for the consecration of Rev. Abiel Leonard, Rector of Trinity Church, Atkinson, Kansas, he having been duly elected by the House of Bishops Missionary Bishop of Nevada and Utah.

Consent has been given for the incorporation of the Parish of St. Mary's, East Providence, and for the incorporation of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, in conformity with Article IV of the Constitution.

A statement of the money in the hands of the Trustees of All Saints' Memorial Chapel, Newport, on Easter Monday, 1887, has been received, and at the request of the authorities of said Chapel, has been placed on file.

The Committee reports with sincere sorrow the death, on September 17, 1887, of Mr. George Lewis Cooke, who, for nearly thirty years, had been a member of the Committee. The following minute relating to his death was adopted by the Committee:

In the death of the late George Lewis Cooke, of this city, the Standing Committee has borne the loss of its oldest lay member. Elected to this Committee in 1859, he served upon it continuously for the next ten years. Re-elected after a single year's interval in 1870, he remained a member of the Committee up to the time of his death. Undeterred by increasing infirmity he was to the last among the most faithful and punctual in attendance, always interested in whatever concerned the church, meeting his brethren with kindly and generous temper, and ready to tolerate in them the same positiveness of conviction which was characteristic of himself.

In behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES MORRIS SMITH, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, June 12, 1888.

The report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund was read, received, and ordered printed. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes was read, received, and ordered printed. [For financial statement see Appendix.]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES AND GLEBES.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes respectfully report that no unusual circumstances have arisen during the year calling for action on the part of the Board.

All the buildings under their care are insured, and all in good repair except the two unoccupied buildings at South Scituate and Burrillville. Both of these buildings should be extensively repaired to protect them from the action of the weather and consequent decay, but the small income at the disposal of the Board prevents them from making these needed repairs.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

EDWARD D. BASSETT, *Secretary.*

The report of the Depository Board was then read, received, and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc., was read, received, and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was then presented and read, and on motion, was received and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE R. I. BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1887-88.

Thirty-four parishes have joined in the work of the Auxiliary during the past year. Contributions to date have been as follows:

Foreign work	$587 50
Domestic work	1,689 05
Freedmen's work	516 50
Diocesan work	268 91
Indian work	566 74
Total	$3,628 70
Value of missionary boxes	2,136 38
	$5,765 08

MARY B. ARNOLD, *Secretary.*

The Secretary of the Board of Missions then read his annual report, which was received and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions has held its quarterly meetings regularly during the year with E. H. Porter, Secretary, and Rathbone Gardner, Treasurer.

The following stations were recommended by the Committee on Stations and Salaries, and adopted for the year beginning April 1, 1888, and the Missionaries were appointed by the Bishop:

St. George's, Lincoln, Rev. W. W. Sever,	on condition of	$650.....	$250
St. Philip's, Valley Falls,	" " "	100.....	100
St. Thomas's, Greenville, Rev. W. I. Magill,	"	650.....	250
Christ, Providence, Rev. S. H. Webb,	"	700.....	300
St. Peter's, Manton, Rev. T. H. Cocroft,	"	250.....	150
St. Philip's, Crompton, Rev. S. C. M. Orpen,	"	550.....	150
St. Andrew's, Phenix, " "	"	250.....	50
Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, Rev. B. Eastwood,	"	750.....	250
St. Mark's, Riverside, Rev. O. O. Wright,	"	400.....	400
Ascension, Wakefield, Rev. P. Duryea,	"	750.....	150
St. Paul's, Portsmouth, Rev. J. S. Pearce,	"	650.....	250
St. Barnabas's, Apponaug,	"	550.....	250
St. Bartholomew's, Cranston, Rev. H. M. Bartlett,			100
St. Thomas's, Eagle Park, Rev. H. U. Monro,			100
St. Andrew's, Mount Pleasant, Rev. T. H. Cocroft,			100
Total			$2,850

The total amount of the appropriation has been increased $150.00.

The number of stations is fifteen.

These are the items of interest:

Mr. D. L. D. Granger, of St. John's, Providence, has been elected on the Board in place of the late George Lewis Cooke, a useful and honored member of the Board since its organization in 1870.

St. George's, Lincoln. This parish is prospering to an unusual degree, though unable yet to reduce its Rectory debt of $5,225. When this is removed, the Board of Missions will not be asked for any assistance.

St. Philip's, Valley Falls. The people are preparing to secure a lot and build a small chapel.

St. Thomas's, Greenville. We are sorry to report the removal of the Missionary, Rev. W. I. Magill, to Huntington, Conn. He leaves the work in good condition for his successor.

Christ Church, Providence. The new church is rapidly approaching completion. The amount needed to make it free from encumbrance is $3,000.

St. Mark's, Riverside. Rev. O. O. Wright, of Swansea, Mass., has taken charge of the Mission since the lamented death of Rev. J. J. Clemens. The prospect of the field is much more hopeful than for a long time past.

Ascension, Wakefield. The Rev. Phineas Duryea has returned from a prolonged absence, in much better health, and reports the condition of the parish favorable.

St. Barnabas's, Apponaug. This mission is suffering from the want of a regular supply of clergymen since the resignation of Mr. Barnes at Easter, and his removal to Everett, Mass.

A resident minister, or else the placing of the mission under the care of some neighboring parish, is essential to the maintenance of the work.

St. Thomas's, Eagle Park. This mission has been adopted as a station of the Board for the current year.

Again we come before the Convention in the old way, free from indebtedness at this date, but having to pay the stipends of the missionaries, June 30th, and an empty treasury from which to pay them. The contributions from the parishes are every year about $500 less than the appropriations. This amount has to be made up in other ways—in the use of legacies or by

extraordinary solicitations. The suggested assessments have not been made up by many of the churches. If they had been, there would be no deficiency at all. We call attention again to the absolute necessity in each parish for careful attention to its offerings for Diocesan Missions.

We desire at this Convention to commend the work of the Board to the sympathy and help of every portion of the Diocese, and to ask for systematic and liberal offerings for the support of the few stations that we promise to assist from year to year.

In accordance with Canon I, Section 7, we propose as an apportionment of the amount needed for the current year, an assessment on each parish of seven-eighths of the sum assessed last year by the Board of Audit and Finance for the Bishop's salary and Convention expenses. The amount necessary is $2,850.

The following table of contributions for the last year has been furnished by the Treasurer, and over against it are placed the suggested assessments, which will be the same for the year to come:

	Offerings.	Assessments.
St. Barnabas's Church, Apponaug	$7 15	
St. John's Chapel, Ashton	7 00	$18 00
St. John's Church, Barrington	11 30	14 00
St. Michael's Church, Bristol	150 00	142 00
St. George's Church, Central Falls	15 05	14 00
St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston	3 00	2 25
St. Philip's Church, Crompton	19 61	8 00
St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich	107 35	79 00
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown	5 00	4 50
Christ Church, Lonsdale	58 70	90 00
St. Peter's Church, Manton	3 53	2 25
Emmanuel Church, Manville	18 75	14 00
All Saints' Church, Newport	135 33	119 00
Emmanuel Church, "	11 25	67 00
St. John's Church, "	12 17	18 00
Trinity Church, "	270 61	279 00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket	19 94	
St. Paul's Church, "	145 38	124 00
Trinity Church, "	15 00	54 00
St. Andrew's Church, Phenix	20 25	
All Saints' Church, Pontiac	12 00	4 50
St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth	11 00	8 00
All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence	56 00	124 00
Christ Church, "	17 00	18 00
Church of the Epiphany, "	21 08	16 00
Church of the Messiah, "	23 70	23 00
Church of the Redeemer, "	20 00	32 00

	Offerings.	Assessments.
Church of the Saviour, Providence	$11 50	$18 00
St. Paul's Church, "	6 00	18 00
Grace Church, "	400 00	433 00
St. James's Church, "	15 00	18 00
St. John's Church, "	201 96	355 00
St. Stephen's Church, "	262 71	232 00
St. Philip's Mission, Valley Falls	6 00	
Church of the Ascension, Wakefield	6 50	8 00
St. Mark's Church, Warren	18 00	45 00
St. Mark's Sunday-school, Warren	52 42	
St. Mark's Sewing Society, "	34 00	
Christ Church, Westerly	59 30	75 00
St. Paul's Church, Wickford	25 00	40 00
St. James's Church, Woonsocket	67 50	62 00

The following parishes have not contributed during the year:

Trinity, Bristol.
St. Thomas's, Greenville.
St. Mary's, East Providence.
St. George's, Newport.
St. Mary's, South Portsmouth.
St. Thomas's, Eagle Park.
St. Mark's, Riverside.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. PORTER, *Secretary.*

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was read, received, and ordered printed. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Committee on the Religious Training of the Young was then read. On motion, it was received and ordered printed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE YOUNG.

While the Committee have not found it feasible to carry out all the suggestions made by the last Convention in their last report, yet they are rejoiced to find a keen interest in the general subject in many quarters, and

to report a series of meetings in some of our parishes that have been extremely acceptable and helpful.

The Committee considered carefully the question of forming a Normal Class in some central locality which might be attended by the teachers from various sections of the Diocese. But it was finally thought to be practically impossible to secure a sufficiently large attendance to warrant the inauguration of the plan. They are of the opinion, however, that a Normal Class in the city of Providence for those teachers in or near the city, would be thoroughly appreciated by the teachers of the several parishes and accomplish much good. The Committee believe also that a series of lectures on topics bearing upon the various phases of the subject would elicit much interest among very many persons outside of the ranks of our Sunday-schools, and they venture to express the hope that such an experiment may be tried in the near future.

The Committee have held in four parishes, conferences upon the general subject of the "Religious Training of the Young." The first was held in St. James's Church, Woonsocket, on February 29th. The session in the afternoon had special reference to Sunday-school work and to the difficulties encountered by the teachers in their labors. Questions were invited from those present, and the entire freedom given to the discussion rendered this session of especial practical value. At the meeting in the evening the more general aspects of the question were presented, with particular emphasis upon the necessity for religious influence in the home, and upon the power of public worship as a factor in the spiritual development of the child.

A similar Conference was held at St. Mark's Church, Warren, on April 20th. The Committee also had a Conference with a single evening session at St. John's Church, Providence, March 15th, and one of a like character at All Saints' Church, Pontiac, May 13th.

These meetings have been well attended in every case, and the keen interest manifested on the part of the people and their cordial expressions of gratification have fully justified the wisdom of the plan adopted by the Committee for bringing this important subject before the churches. In every case where meetings have been held, the Committee have been invited and urged to make arrangements for their repetition in the near future. They would, therefore, respectfully suggest that the rectors who may desire such Conferences in their parishes during the coming year, make it known to the Committee at an early day, that suitable plans may be consummated for a successful prosecution of the work.

In addition to the part members of the Committee have taken in these Conferences, the Committee feel under special obligation to the Rev. Dr. Richards and Rev. Messrs. Chase, Peet and Snelling, as well as Judge Stiness, Prof. Upton and Mr. E. D. Bassett of the laity.

The Committee note with gratification an increasing desire and effort on the part of rectors and parishes to accommodate the public services of the

church more and more to the needs of our youth, and the general interest in this important subject among the people at large.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. ACKLEY,
DANIEL GOODWIN,
E. S. ROUSMANIERE,
D. L. D. GRANGER,
W. MAXWELL GREENE,

Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to present a form of memorial to the next Diocesan Convention, which, on approval, shall be presented to the General Convention of 1889, recommending that the method of representation be not of Dioceses, but proportional to the whole number of Parishes or Communicants of the church, or making such other recommendations in the matter as they think best.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. J. W. Atwood, Rev. C. A. L. Richards, D. D., Mr. John Nicholas Brown.

On motion,

Voted, That the Committee be instructed to print their report and send one copy to the Rector and one to the Senior Warden of every parish in the Diocese, three months previous to the next session of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Canons, which was made the order of the day after the close of the Standing Order of Business, was then taken up. The several articles in the form of Constitution presented were read, passed upon by sections, and approved. [See Appendix.]

On motion, adjourned till Wednesday morning, at half-past nine o'clock.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
June 13, 1888.

The Convention met for Divine Service in the Church at 9½ o'clock.

The Litany was said by the Rev. W. F. B. Jackson. After the Service the Convention was called to order in the Chapel by the Bishop. The roll was called and the record of the first day's proceedings read and approved.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

The Committee for the admission of new parishes begs leave to report that it has examined the certificates accompanying the application of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, and of the Church of the Ascension, Auburn, and found them to be in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution. It therefore recommends that they be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island. An application from the parish of St. Andrew's, Harris, has also been laid before the Committee, unaccompanied, however, by evidence that it has laid before the Standing Committee a copy of the certificate of the Secretary of State, required under Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the application of St. Andrew's, Harris, be returned for amendment.

DANIEL GOODWIN, *for the Committee.*

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee that the parishes of the Church of the Ascension, Auburn, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, be admitted into union with the Convention was adopted. The certificate of the election of delegates from the Church of the Ascension, Auburn, was presented. The names were called by the Secretary. No one answered to the call.

The Committee upon the place of holding the next session of the Convention made report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the place of meeting of the next Convention report that invitations have been received from four parishes, viz.: All Saints' Memorial, Providence, Grace Church, Providence, Emmanuel Church, Newport, St. Mark's Church, Warren. Your Committee recommend that the next annual Convention be held in All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence.

T. H. COCROFT, *for Committee.*

Voted, to hold the next annual session of the Convention in All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence.

The Order of the day was then taken up.

The following persons were elected:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS.

Rev. W. N. ACKLEY,
" C. A. L. RICHARDS, D. D.,
Mr. B. F. Vaughn,
" Rathbone Gardner,
" D. L. D. Granger.

Mr. John W. Angell was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

Mr. F. E. Richmond was re-elected a member of the Board of Audit and Finance for the term of three years.

Rev. S. H. Webb was unanimously re-elected Registrar.

The Standing Committee was elected as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D.,	Mr. W. W. Blodgett,
" C. A. L. Richards, D. D.,	" T. P. I. Goddard,
" George J. Magill,	" Charles Morris Smith,
" Daniel Goodwin,	" John Nicholas Brown.

Mr. Charles Morris Smith was re-elected a Trustee of the Episcopal Fund, to serve for three years.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes was re-elected as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES AND GLEBES.

Mr. H. T. Beckwith,	Mr. E. D. Bassett,
" J. Lewis Peirce,	" George A. Kent.

The Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc., was elected as follows:

BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, ETC.

Mr. M. B. I. Goddard,	Mr. John P. Campbell,
" C. T. Dorrance,	" William W. White.

The Depository Board was elected as follows:

DEPOSITORY BOARD.

Rev. E. H. Porter,	Mr. J. H. DeWolf,
" W. N. Ackley,	" J. H. Martin.

The Committee on the Religious Training of the Young was re-elected as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE YOUNG.

Rev. W. N. Ackley,
" Daniel Goodwin,
" E. S. Rousmaniere,
Mr. D. L. D. Granger,
" W. Maxwell Greene.

The Committee on Divorce, etc., appointed last year, was re-appointed by the Bishop as follows:

Rev. Henry Bassett,
" W. N. Ackley,
Mr. E. D. Bassett,
" E. S. Babbitt,
" C. B. Farnsworth.

On motion,

Resolved, That twelve hundred copies of the Journal of this session of the Convention be printed under the direction of the Secretary and Treasurer, and that twelve copies be given to each parish, and the remainder, after deducting the prescribed number of copies, be distributed pro rata, in accordance with the assessments for the expenses of the Convention.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the sexton of Grace Church, Providence, for his services at this session of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Grace Church Parish for the use of its Church and Chapel for the holding of the present session.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention approves most heartily of the Missionary Enrollment Fund, and of the Church Building Fund, and recommends their work to the liberal contributions of the people of the Diocese.

The report of the Committee on Canons was then taken up.

On motion, the Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole. The Rev. Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D., was elected Chairman, and the Rev. S. H. Webb, Secretary.

The proposed Canons were then considered separately and by sections, also the Standing Rules of Order and the Standing Order of Business.

On motion, the Committee rose and by vote of the Convention the Bishop at his own request was excused from further attendance at this Session.

After the retirement of the Bishop the Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Canons, Standing Rules of Order and Standing Order of Business, as added to, altered or amended, were recommended to the Convention for adoption. The Committee then rose and the Convention made choice of the Rev. Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D., as President.

On motion, the report of the Committee of the Whole to the Convention was received and ordered printed.

On motion,

Voted, That the Canons, Rules of Order and Standing Order of Business, as reported by the Committee of the Whole, be approved and referred to the Convention at its next Annual Session for final action. [See Appendix.]

The Convention then considered the report of the Committee on Canons on proposed amendments to the Charter of the Convention. [See Appendix.]

Voted, That the Committee on Canons be authorized to ask the General Assembly to grant the proposed amendments.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions shall hold missionary meetings in the Diocese during the coming year at such times and places as they may deem advantageous to the missionary work; provided, however, that the Convention shall not be responsible for any expense of such meetings.

Voted, That after the reading of the minutes of the day's proceedings and usual devotions, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

The President then offered prayer, and the Convention adjourned.

SAMUEL H. WEBB, *Secretary*.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

A merciful God allows us to meet together again, and it once more devolves upon me to present the record of my official acts during the year.

After the adjournment of the last Convention I took charge of the Berkeley Memorial Chapel, in Middletown, for the summer months, and on Sunday, August 27th, confirmed four persons in the chapel.

On Sunday morning, September 11th, I made my annual visitation at All Saints' Memorial Chapel, Newport; and in the afternoon confirmed three in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown. The Rev. G. G. Nicolls has resigned the rectorship of this parish, leaving it in a flourishing condition, and the Rev. William S. Child, D. D., is now in charge. Land has recently been secured for the erection of a rectory.

On the 15th of September I confirmed three in St. Paul's Church, Wickford. The Rev. William W. Ayres, after several years of faithful service, has removed to Kansas, and the Rev. Albert J. Thompson has become his successor.

On Sunday, September 18th, I visited St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier.

On the 28th of September I confirmed four in St. John's Church, Providence.

On Sunday, October 2d, I visited St. Mark's Church, Riverside, and administered the Holy Communion. On account of the illness of the rector, the Rev. John T. Clemens, the confirmation was postponed. In the course of a few weeks Mr. Clemens departed this life, after a brief ministry in Riverside, during which time there was abundant evidence to show that, if his days had been prolonged, his labors would have been rewarded by a rich return. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and a faithful, earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard. He rests from his labors early, but the fruits of his life abide.

On Sunday, October 9th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

On Sunday, October 16th, I confirmed one person in the Church of the Saviour, Providence. The interior of this church has been improved and adorned during the past year, and no debt rests upon the parish.

On Sunday, October 30th, I confirmed sixteen in All Saints' Chapel, Pontiac; and on the 12th of November I laid the corner stone of a new church. The proprietors of the mills are to be commended for their liberality in providing such a commodious and beautiful edifice, as that which they are now building.

On Sunday, November 13th, I confirmed twenty in St. George's Church, Central Falls. This would soon become a strong and self-sustaining parish if the mortgage on the rectory could be removed, and it is hoped that before long this may be accomplished.

On Sunday, November 20th, I confirmed seven in St. Barnabas's Church, Apponaug. The Rev. Percy Barnes, to my great regret, has resigned the rectorship of this parish, and his place has not yet been supplied.

On Sunday, November 29th, I confirmed five in St. James's Church, Woonsocket.

On the 29th of November I officiated at the consecration of the St. Elizabeth Home. It was an occasion of more than ordinary interest, and the attendance of the clergy was unusually large.

On Sunday, December 4th, I confirmed nine in St. Mary's Church, East Providence.

On Sunday, December 11th, I confirmed eight in Emmanuel Church, Manville. This church has experienced a severe loss in the removal by death of Mr. Russell Handy, who was for many years intimately identified with everything that concerned its welfare. It would be difficult to do justice to Mr. Handy's character as a citizen and as a Christian, within the limits now at my command; it is enough to say that a more spotless man is rarely to be found and his ability as a man of business was only surpassed by his integrity, while in his religious life he was an example to all, of consistent faithfulness and humility.

On Sunday, December 18th, I confirmed eight in Christ Church, Westerly.

On Sunday, February 26th, I confirmed twenty-three in St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, and three in Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

On Sunday, March 4th, I confirmed five in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket.

On the 7th of March I confirmed two sick persons, from the Church of the Redeemer, Providence.

On Sunday, March 11th, I confirmed five in St. James's Church, Providence. The condition of this parish was never more flourishing than it is at the present time.

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, I confirmed ten in St.

George's Chapel, Newport. Large additions have been made to the chapel, including a commodious and attractive Sunday-school room. In the evening I confirmed twelve in Emmanuel Church, Newport. Great improvements in this church have recently been made, and a new Sunday-school building is about to be erected.

On Thursday evening in Holy Week I confirmed eighteen in the Church of the Epiphany, Providence. This church is becoming somewhat overcrowded.

On the evening of Good Friday I confirmed nine in Christ Church, Providence. It was gratifying to see that the foundation had been laid for a new church, where for many years it has been so much needed.

On Easter Day I confirmed seventy in Grace Church, Providence. The Rev. Dr. Greer has resigned the rectorship of this church to the great regret of the community at large, and to the deep sorrow of his own congregation. In the evening I confirmed twenty in the Church of the Messiah, Providence. A new rectory has recently been completed, and this makes the twenty-sixth parish in this Diocese provided with rectories. I would be glad to see the number increased.

On the 3d of April I confirmed one person in private, from Grace Church, Providence.

On Sunday, April 8th, I confirmed nine in St. John's Church, Providence, making thirteen in all; and in the evening confirmed eighteen in the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, making twenty in all during the year.

On the 11th of April I visited St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier, for the second time, and confirmed fifteen. A new impulse has been given to the work of Christ among the people resident in this vicinity, and the winter attendance upon the services of the church has greatly increased.

On Sunday, April 15th, I confirmed twenty in All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence, and in the evening confirmed ten in the Church of the Saviour, Providence, making eleven in that parish during the year.

On the 19th of April the Rev. James Baird, D. D., departed this life at his residence, Central Falls. Dr. Baird was for some months in charge of St. George's Church, Central Falls, although at the time of his decease he was not in the performance of any stated duty, but ministered here and there, as his services might be required. Although advanced in life, having nearly attained his three score years and ten, he was always ready to officiate when called upon to do so, and now that his mortal career is ended, we trust that he is at rest in the Paradise of God.

On Sunday, April 22d, I confirmed fifteen in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and in the evening confirmed twelve in Trinity Church, Bristol.

On Sunday, April 29th, I confirmed twenty-one in Christ Church, Lonsdale, and five in St. John's Chapel, Ashton.

On the 1st of May, I laid the corner stone of Christ Church, Providence. After long years of patient waiting this parish is now to be provided with a spacious and beautiful church, and the indefatigable efforts of the rector to procure the funds needed for the erection of a new church have at last been crowned with success. May the blessing of Almighty God dwell there in all coming generations, and this house of prayer become to many the ante-chamber of Heaven!

On the 2d of May I confirmed five in the St. Elizabeth Home, Providence. The chapel connected with the Home is now completed and beautifully decorated, and furnished with everything needed in public worship. Services are regularly held by the Chaplain, the Rev. Henry Bassett. There was

something peculiarly impressive in this confirmation of blind, and sick and aged persons, only two of the number being able to come forward to the chancel rail; and one could not but be reminded of the needy and helpless and lonely sufferers who crowded around the Saviour when he was upon the earth, crying to Him for help. I trust that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, came to those who, on this occasion, consecrated themselves to God, and filled their souls with light and peace.

On Sunday, May 6th, I confirmed seven in St. Mark's Church, Warren.

My visit to this parish recalls the memory of one who was for a long period a most valuable and efficient officer of St. Mark's Church, and a leader in everything that concerned its interests. For nearly thirty years I had been accustomed to make my home with him on the occasion of my annual visitation, and it was very strange and sad to think that I should enjoy his hospitality no more here on earth.

The removal by death of Mr. George Lewis Cooke also leaves a vacancy in the Diocesan Convention which it would be hard to fill. There was no layman in the ranks who took a more active part in the proceedings of this body, and for many years he served as a member of the Standing Committee and of the Board of Missions, having been more than once sent as a deputy to the General Convention. It hardly seems possible that we shall never see his face in our Convention again or hear the ringing tones of his voice, which had become so familiar in this assembly. But his earthly work is done and he is at rest. He was a true man and a consistent Christian, a loving father and a genuine friend, a useful citizen and a devoted churchman, and it grieves us to think that he has been taken away, but it is God's will and He knows best. Let Him do what seemeth to Him good.

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 6th, I confirmed seven in St. John's Church, Barrington. This church has been greatly improved and adorned.

On the festival of the Ascension, I confirmed forty-seven in St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

On the 11th of May I confirmed seven in Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet.

On the Sunday after Ascension I confirmed nine in St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth; four of the number being from the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Middletown. The Rev. George Herbert Patterson has become the rector of this parish, and the attendance has largely increased.

On Whitsunday I confirmed ten in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and eleven in St. Andrew's Church, Phenix.

On the 23d of May I admitted Mr. John Byron Diman and Mr. Johan Gottfried Hammarsköld to the Holy Order of Deacons in Grace Church, Providence. Mr. Diman was presented by the Rev. Dr. Greer, and will take charge of the Berkeley Memorial Chapel, Middletown. Mr. Hammarsköld was presented by the Rev. E. S. Rousmaniere, and will continue to hold services for the Swedes in Grace Church Chapel, where a large congregation has already been gathered.

On the 25th of May I confirmed three in St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston.

On the 26th of May I admitted the Rev. Joseph Melzar Hobbs to the priesthood, in the Church of the Messiah, Providence. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Thomas H. Cocroft.

On Trinity Sunday I confirmed four in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

On the 1st of June I confirmed five in St. Mark's Church, Riverside. The Rev. Otis O. Wright has taken charge of this church, and everything promises well for the future.

On Sunday, June 3d, I confirmed twenty-two in St. Paul's Church, Providence. The Rev. Samuel Snelling has become the rector of this church, and the prospects were never so favorable as they are at present. The congregation is rapidly increasing, and a rich harvest has already been reaped.

On Sunday, June 10th, I confirmed twenty-one in Trinity Church, Newport, and thirteen in St. John's Church, Newport.

On the Feast of St. Barnabas, June 11th, I admitted the Rev. George Ernest Magill to the priesthood, in Trinity Church, Newport. The candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. George J. Magill.

The whole number confirmed is 561.

CORNER STONES LAID.

All Saints' Church, Pontiac; Christ Church, Providence.

ORDINATIONS.

To the Diaconate: John Byron Diman, Johan Gottfried Hammarsköld. To the Priesthood: The Rev. Joseph Melzar Hobbs, the Rev. George Ernest Magill.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

William E. Page, Frank T. Greene, Herman Lilienthal, John Matteson, Lloyd W. Blodgett, Frederick W. Davis, Arthur Rogers, Richard M. Sherman, Frank L. Titcomb.

CLERGY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DIOCESES.

The Rev. Messrs. H. A. Duboc, to Northern New Jersey; I. T. Bagnall, to Kansas; W. W. Ayres, to Kansas; J. E. Brown, to Massachusetts; Wilberforce Wells, to New Jersey; G. G. Nichols, to Massachusetts.

CLERGY RECEIVED INTO THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. Messrs. J. E. Brown, from Colorado; J. M. Hobbs, from Connecticut; A. J. Thompson, from New York; Samuel Snelling, from Massachusetts.

CONDITION OF THE DIOCESE.

The general condition of the churches is as favorable as it ever has been; quietness and peace reign throughout our borders; there is a steady increase in the number of communicants; the confirmations are larger than they were in former years; our parishes are generally free from debt; there are three or four new churches soon to be consecrated; the contributions to general missions are liberal; the list of candidates for Holy Orders is uncommonly large, and so far as things external are concerned we have every occasion for thankfulness. I trust that the great work for which the Church exists is also advancing amongst us; that the truth as it is in Jesus is preached without reserve, and in such a spirit as is likely to turn sinners from the error of their ways and bring them back to Jesus in penitence and faith, and to build up believers in their most holy faith.

I would not fail to notice the death of Mr. Francis Albert McLane, a graduate of Brown University, who was about to become a candidate for Orders in this Diocese, when he was removed by death. He is described as a young man "of exceeding promise, of brilliant intellect, of careful education, and of great personal power." We may hope that there is a grander mission for him to perform in another and a loftier sphere.

I have special reason to be grateful to God that He has thus far enabled me to discharge all the duties that devolve upon me; although, after having lived for more than three-

quarters of a century, I can hardly expect much longer to continue this active service. So long as my life is spared, I trust that I may be able to do my work, and I pray that it may be done acceptably to God and profitably to His Church. I ask your daily prayers in my behalf, that, as the end draws near, I may be more earnest and faithful, and have that strength given me from above, without which nothing can be done for Christ.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

I desire to call your attention to the pressing need of an increase in the annual contributions to the fund for "the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen, etc." In the providence of God the demands made upon this fund have recently been very much enlarged, and unless the offerings of the churches are increased, it will be necessary to encroach upon the principal; which, instead of being diminished, ought to be much increased. I trust that, during the coming year, the contributions will be more liberal than they have been before.

THE ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE.

The St. Mary's Orphanage continues to do its work efficiently and carefully, and I rejoice to say that, by the munificent aid of two benevolent church women, a new building has been commenced, which is to serve as an Infirmary, and provide for the accommodation of sick children in the case of any infectious disease. The reports of this institution are full of interest, and cannot be read without exciting the sympathy of those who are concerned for the welfare of Christ's little ones, who might perish but for the nurture and care of some such charity as this. The calls for admission to the Orphanage are perpetual, and the accommodations are too contracted

to meet the demands, but the managers are often very much straitened to meet the current expenses, even with the present limited number of inmates. With such abundant resources as are to be found in our Diocese, this ought not to be, and it would not be if the importance of the work were more fully appreciated. If our wealthy people would visit the institution and see what is going on there, no other appeal would be needed. The sight of these children would be enough, and the money would flow in as fast as it is wanted. It is greatly to be desired that the Orphanage should be endowed to such an extent as in some considerable degree to relieve the institution from entire reliance upon the annual contributions, which are always more or less uncertain. Are there no wealthy Christian people who will keep this in mind?

THE ST. ELIZABETH HOME.

The incumbrance upon this valuable property has been removed and a fund started for the permanent aid of the St. Elizabeth Home. For a large portion of this endowment we are indebted to the gentleman who has recently made such a noble contribution to the general missionary work of the Church. It is, however, much to be regretted that the ordinary gifts of money have almost entirely ceased since the fact became known that such an endowment had been commenced. There are more than thirty persons to be cared for in this institution at a cost of between seven and eight thousand dollars per annum, and the proceeds of an investment of a little more than twenty thousand dollars, when it becomes available, will still leave a large margin to be provided for by stated contributions. Will not the churches throughout the Diocese come to the rescue? Only thirteen parishes outside of the city have contributed to the Home

since the last Convention, and all their offerings amount to less than three hundred dollars. At the present time the treasury is empty. There is no charitable work in the State more deserving of liberal support, and no similar institution can anywhere be found where the management is in every respect more satisfactory. The class of persons provided for in this Home have a special claim upon our sympathy. Some are old and infirm, with no relatives or friends to care for them, and afflicted with maladies for which there is no remedy in this world. They may have seen better days, but are left destitute now, and for them there would be no refuge except the public almshouse if they were not cared for here. Some are blind and helpless; others are suffering from incurable disease, needing the kindest care and most alleviating treatment; and there are none among the inmates of this institution who could hope to find anywhere else the comforts and attention which they receive in this Home. It is to all who dwell here a Home in the best and truest sense of the word, and one in which full provision is made for their spiritual needs. It is a Home where the blessed Saviour may be found, a Home hallowed by prayer. Shall such a charity as this be allowed to languish?

OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

The Grace Memorial Home, in Olneyville, is becoming more and more attractive to the people for whose benefit it is designed, and overflows with children, who are watched over and protected through the day, while their mothers are at work, as they could not be anywhere else.

A similar establishment has been commenced in another part of the city, where provision is also made for the entertainment and general welfare of the newsboys, who frequent the streets.

The Church of the Redeemer has opened a building where a pleasant resort may be found by those who are disposed to avail themselves of its privileges, and popular books, newspapers and periodicals are to be found, with rooms for quiet and innocent amusements. We gladly welcome all such movements as these for the general good; intended, as they are, to provide for the welfare of our people, irrespective of all denominational boundaries.

The Girls' Friendly Society is doing a good work and I strongly commend it to the attention of our people. The last annual report is very satisfactory and interesting.

THE BERKELEY SCHOOL.

It is my pleasant duty to recall that forty-four years ago a faithful woman gave a beautiful estate of seventy acres at South Portsmouth, for church and educational purposes. St. Mary's parish has been doing the church's work for many years; the Rev. George Herbert Patterson, Rector of the Berkeley School, in the city of Providence, became its Rector August 1, 1887. The founder's educational purposes are now about to be realized. The Berkeley School, with its entire equipment, will be transferred to a commodious building adjacent to St. Mary's parsonage, to be specially adapted for school use and ready for occupancy September 1st next, where it will be established on the familiar lines of a "Church Boarding School for Boys," limited for the present to twenty pupils. The chapel services will be held in the beautiful church of St. Mary. A special committee of two from each Board of Trustees — that of St. Mary's Trust Estate and of the Berkeley School — under the chairmanship of the Bishop of the Diocese, will undertake the duty of soliciting subscriptions for the speedy erection upon the trust estate of permanent school buildings.

It ought not to be forgotten that this Diocese possesses at St. Mary's an inalienable estate of rare beauty, ample extent, perfect healthfulness and entire freedom from undesirable associations. All the physical conditions are at hand for the establishment and maintenance of a great church school, and in behalf of this work your cordial good wishes and your hearty coöperation are earnestly invoked.

TEMPERANCE.

The Church Temperance Society has attracted more than ordinary interest during the past year, and one or two meetings of the clergy and laity have been held, in order to see what could be done to give the temperance movement a more effective impulse here in Rhode Island. The need of some such action was never more apparent than it is at the present time, and I hope that special attention will be given to the subject during the session of this Convention. The enormity of the evil to be combatted everyone admits; but all are not agreed as to the best remedy, and this is a point that should be candidly and fully discussed. The fire is raging. How can it be most speedily and effectually extinguished? That is the only matter which calls for consideration, and the only point that needs to be discussed. The Church Temperance Society furnishes a very broad platform, and room enough for all who desire the extirpation of drunkenness, no matter how widely they may differ in their views, as it respects the popular modes of reform.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

The Endowment Fund has been more generally recognized during the past year than ever before, and it is a cause of gratitude to see that our own Diocese holds such an honorable place in the aggregate of contributions to the general

missions of the Church. The very liberal donation of $100,000 by one of our young laymen deserves special notice, and this amount of money could not have been more wisely appropriated than it has been in providing for the independent support of our missionary bishoprics.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is active and effective as ever, and doing a work which no other organization would be likely to accomplish with the same varied and beneficial results.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Our own Diocesan Missions struggle along, but it is not very easy to secure the funds that are needed to pay the salaries of the missionaries when they become due; and we are all the while obliged to borrow money in order to do this. The calls which come from distant fields meet with a more liberal response than those which reach us from our own territory.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

During the past year two of our domestic missionary bishops have been taken from the earth — Bishop Robert W. B. Elliott, of Western Texas, and Bishop George Kelly Dunlop, of New Mexico — both in the prime of life, and to all appearances likely to continue with us for many years to come. These men seemed to be made for the special work which they were called to do, and endowed with those peculiar gifts which would be likely to give them control over the people with whom, in the discharge of their missionary work, they were liable to be brought in contact. Singularly attractive in their demeanor, faithful in the discharge of every duty, earnest and self-denying, they walked close to their Master's side, and now, before they had reached their meridian, they

have been called to a higher ministry above. May God give us grace to follow in their footsteps!

Since the above was written the intelligence has come of the sudden death of Bishop John Henry Hobart Brown, of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. He also has been removed in the midst of his usefulness, and before the approach of age had in any degree weakened his forces. The testimonials that have reached us from the region in which he labored indicate that his loss is severely felt and sincerely mourned. He was a godly man, always true to his convictions, earnest and devoted to his work, laboring hard to the very last for his Master, who has now called him to his reward.

CONCLUSION.

My Brethren of the Clergy:

The years are moving rapidly on, and soon another generation will be called to take our place and discharge our duties. During the time that still remains, let us be faithful and true to the Master whom we profess to serve, relying upon His boundless love and mercy for the pardon of all the defects and errors of the past, and determined henceforth to know nothing, and to trust in nothing, but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It is for Him that we are bound to live, it is in Him alone that we find a refuge in the hour of trial, it is to Him alone that we look for the hope of our salvation. Let Jesus be the centre of all your teachings, and whatever may be your theme, always start from the cross, and then return to the cross again. Keep back nothing which God would have you say, out of regard to the opinions and the feelings of fallible and sinful men, remembering to whom you must give account. Let us try to preach just as we would if we saw the Saviour standing in visible form by our side with His

all-searching eye fixed upon us, and as we would if we knew that we were speaking to our people for the last time. No words are strong enough to indicate the solemnity of the work with which we are commissioned, and the awful responsibility that rests upon those who profess to speak as the representatives of Christ. God grant that we may never preach ourselves, or be moved in what we say by any low ambition to win the fame of men, or advance our reputation in the world. Let us be careful not to substitute our own vain speculations for the simple truth as it is in Jesus, and never darken that truth by words without wisdom. Preach as dying men should preach to dying men, and God will give you His blessing.

And let us all, clergy and laity, live closer to Christ than we have ever done before, submitting everything that we do to His approval, seeking His guidance in everything, and trusting Him with everything. It is the following of Christ afar off that is the secret of all our coldness and weakness and indifference. If He is not with us every day, and near to us every day, we are in danger of apostacy. If we would live at all, we must live by faith in the Son of God. May His sanctifying spirit dwell in our hearts, and be especially with us at this time, to inspire our souls and direct our actions, so that what we now do shall minister to the glory of our adorable Redeemer, and the building up of His great work.

Grace, mercy and peace be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

1887–88.

PARISHES—		
Present number in union with the Convention		44
Number not in union with the Convention		4
Corner stones laid		2
CHURCHES AND CHAPELS		51
MISSION STATIONS, (exclusive of those where there is an organized Parish)		3
CLERGY—		
Ordained to the Diaconate		2
Ordained to the Priesthood		2
Transferred to other Dioceses		6
Received from other Dioceses		4
Present number, (Bishop, 1; Priests, 54; Deacons, 2;)		57
CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS, June, 1888		9
BAPTISMS—		
Infants	790	
Adults	222	1,012
CONFIRMED*		561
COMMUNICANTS—		
Added—New	437	
" By Removal	400	837
Died		157
Removed		262
Present number		8,483

* Number given by the Bishop.

MARRIAGES	343
BURIALS	735

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—

Teachers and officers	868	
Scholars	7,148	8,016

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNION ALMS.

For Parochial Missionary and Charitable work	$21,815 43
other local charities	33,466 15
Diocesan Board of Missions	2,236 61
other Diocesan Mission work	1,330 04
Domestic Missions through General Board	5,135 28
Domestic Missions through other channels	2,540 14
Foreign Missions through General Board	4,949 73
Foreign Missions through other channels	607 60
Indian Missions through General Board	626 12
Indian Missions through other channels	467 81
Home Missions to Colored People through General Board	951 34
Home Missions to Colored People through other channels	964 10
Diocesan Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc.	734 59
Education for the Ministry	926 61
Miscellaneous and unspecified	6,150 21
Total Missionary and Charitable Contributions	$82,901 76

FOR PARISH PURPOSES.

For Support of Public Worship—	
Pew taxes and pew rents	$49,566 13
Offerings and subscriptions	52 575 79
All other sources except the Board of Missions	10,598 93
For all other Parish uses, not included under previous heads	19,640 73
Total for Parish purposes	$132,381 58
Total for all purposes	$215,283 34

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE

ON THE

Bishop's Salary and Convention Expenses.

The Board of Audit and Finance estimate the amount required for the Bishop's Salary and Convention Expenses to be ($3,250) thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and recommend the following assessments on

Churches.	Location.	Amount.
St. John's Chapel	Ashton	$20 00
St. John's Church	Barrington	25 00
St. Michael's Church	Bristol	175 00
Trinity Church	"	50 00
St. George's Church	Central Falls	16 00
St. Bartholomew's Church	Cranston	3 00
St. Philip's Church	Crompton	10 00
St. Luke's Church	East Greenwich	100 00
St. Mary's Church	East Providence	5 00
St. Thomas's Church	Greenville	8 00
St. Matthew's Church	Jamestown	5 00
Christ Church	Lonsdale	100 00
St. Peter's Church	Manton	3 00
Emmanuel Church	Manville	14 00
St. Peter's Church	Narragansett Pier	45 00
All Saints' Church	Newport	140 00
Emmanuel Church	"	75 00
St. John's Chapel	"	22 00
Trinity Church	"	330 00
Zion Church	"	35 00
St. Paul's Church	Pawtucket	150 00
Trinity Church	"	45 00
Trinity Chapel	Pawtuxet	3 00
Amount carried forward		$1,379 00

Churches.	Location.	Amount.
Amount brought forward		$1,379 00
All Saints' Chapel	Pontiac	10 00
St. Paul's Church	Portsmouth	8 00
All Saints' Memorial Church	Providence	150 00
Christ Church	"	20 00
Church of the Epiphany	"	25 00
Church of the Messiah	"	35 00
Church of the Redeemer	"	55 00
Church of the Saviour	"	20 00
Grace Church	"	525 00
St. James's Church	"	25 00
St. John's Church	"	400 00
St. Paul's Church	"	20 00
St. Stephen's Church	"	300 00
St. Mark's Church	Riverside	5 00
St. Mary's Church	South Portsmouth	10 00
Church of the Ascension	Wakefield	8 00
St. Mark's Church	Warren	50 00
Christ Church	Westerly	60 00
St. Paul's Church	Wickford	45 00
St. James's Church	Woonsocket	100 00
		$3,250 00

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} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

Dr. *Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention in account with John W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1887.				
June.	To balance from last report,			$166 96
July 2.	To paid Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark,	$1,250 00		
Oct. 1.	" " " "	550 00		
Nov. 7.	" " " "	100 00		
15.	" " " "	600 00		
1888.				
Jan. 2.	" " " "	700 00		
7.	" " " "	550 00		
April 2.	" " " "	350 00		
23.	" " " "	300 00		
May 11.	" " " "	600 00		
			5,000 00	
11.	" " " " travelling expenses,		100 00	
1887.				
Aug. 3.	" Rev. S. H. Webb,		150 00	
19.	" Providence Press Co.,		281 48	
July 20.	" Providence Journal Co.,		3 75	
Oct. 13.	" Rev. S. H. Webb,		15 00	
Nov. 25.	" Grace Church collation,		100 00	
25.	" J. A. Shaw, printing,		3 00	
1888.				
Mar. 1.	Extra assessment General Convention,		55 00	
May 21.	Paid note,		300 00	
	Sexton Grace Church,		10 00	
	Balance on deposit,		82 75	
Amount carried forward,			$6,267 94	

1887.				
June.	By assessment of 1886:			
	St. James's Church, Woonsocket,	$37 50		
	St. Mark's, Riverside,	5 00		
	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	9 00		
	St. George's, Lincoln,	8 00		
				$59 50
	By assessment of 1887:			
	St. John's, Ashton,	22 00		
	St. John's, Barrington,	16 00		
	St. Michael's, Bristol,	173 00		
	Trinity, "	43 00		
	St. George's, Lincoln,	16 00		
	St. Bartholomew's, Cranston,	3 00		
	St. Philip's, Crompton,	9 00		
	St. Luke's, East Greenwich,	97 00		
	St. Mary's, East Providence,	5 00		
	St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	5 00		
	Christ, Lonsdale,	108 00		
	St. Peter's, Narragansett Pier,	43 00		
	All Saints', Newport,	140 00		
	Emmanuel, "	75 00		
	St. John's, "	22 00		
	Trinity, "	338 00		
	Zion, "	43 00		
	St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	150 00		
	Trinity, "	65 00		
	All Saints', Pontiac,	5 00		
	St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	5 00		
	St. Paul's, "	9 00		
	All Saints', Providence,	150 00		
	Christ, "	22 00		
	Epiphany, "	19 00		
	Messiah, "	27 00		
	Redeemer, "	38 00		
	Saviour, "	22 00		
	Grace, "	522 00		
	St. James's, "	22 00		
	St. John's, "	425 00		
Amounts carried forward,		$2,639 00		$59 50

Dr. *Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention in account with John W. Angell, Treasurer.—(Continued.)* *Cr.*

Amount brought forward,			$6,267 94
			$6,267 94

1887.				
June.	Amounts brought forward,		$2,639 00	$59 50
	St. Paul's, Providence,		22 00	
	St. Stephen's, "		280 00	
	St. Mark's, Riverside,		5 00	
	Ascension, Wakefield,		9 00	
	St. Mark's, Warren,		54 00	
	Christ, Westerly,		90 00	
	St. Paul's, Wickford,		48 00	
	St. James's, Woonsocket,		75 00	
	St. Peter's, Manton,		3 00	
	Emmanuel, Manville,		16 00	
				3,241 00
June 14.	Trustees of the Episcopal Fund,		450 00	
Nov. 15.	" " " "		813 76	
1888.				
Jan. 4.	" " " "		450 00	
May. 11.	" " " "		931 60	
				2,645 36
Apr. 22.	Discounted note $300 net,			298 35
	Interest,			23 73
				$6,267 94
1888.				
June.	Balance to new account,			$82 75

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *The Borland Fund in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1887.			1887.		
Nov. 21.	F. Appleton, on order of the Bishop,	$100 00	June 7.	By balance,	$4,643 89
1888.			7.	Boston and Albany railroad, dividend,	12 00
May 14.	" " " "	100 00	July 1.	" " " "	12 00
	Balance,	4,674 63	Sept. 2.	W. P. Hood, interest,	15 00
			Oct. 1.	Boston and Albany railroad,	12 00
			Dec. 31.	" " "	12 00
			1888.		
			Feb. 27.	W. P. Hood, interest,	15 00
			Mar. 31.	Boston and Albany railroad,	12 00
			1887.		
			Oct. 31.	R. I. Hospital Trust Co., interest,	66 58
			1888.		
			Apr 30.	" " " " "	74 16
		$4,874 63			$4,874 63

This Fund is a deposit in R. I. Hospital Trust Company,	$3,474 63
Six shares of stock in Boston and Albany railroad, par $100,	600 00
Note of W. P. Hood, secured by mortgage,	600 00
Total,	$4,674 63

June. Balance, $4,674 63

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Legacy of Lydia A. Mowry, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.			1887.		
June.	Paid E. O. Angell, Treasurer St. Peter's, Manton,	$77 91	June.	By balance,	$977 60
	Balance,	940 00		Dividends,	40 31
		$1,017 91			$1,017 91
	This Fund is a deposit in R. I. Hospital Trust Co.,	$940 00	1888. June.	By balance,	$940 00

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *The Mary A. and Abby A. Goddard Fund, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.			1887.		
June.	Balance,	$1,082 42	June.	Balance, (old account),	$1,040 40
			1888. Jan. 1.	Dividend,	42 02
		$1,082 42			$1,082 42
	This Fund is a deposit in the Providence Institution for Savings,	$1,082 42	1888. June.	Balance, new account,	$1,082 42

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Fund for the benefit of St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888. June.	Balance,	$517 08	1887. June. Balance, (old account), $492 18
			1888. Dividends, 24 90
		$517 08	$517 08
	This Fund is a deposit in the Mechanics Savings Bank,	$517 08	1888. June. Balance, (new account), $517 08

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Sarah U. Goddard Fund, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1887. July 30.	To paid to Christ Church, by order of Convention,	$546 52	1887. June. By balance, $533 20 interest, 13 32
		$546 52	$546 52

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Mary C. Waterman Fund, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1887. To paid R. Gardner, Treasurer,	$525 30	1887. June. By balance,	$512 50
		interest,	12 80
	$525 30		$525 30

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
Board of Audit aad Finance.

J. W. ANGELL,
Treasurer.

Dr. *The Mary G. Hicks Fund, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888. June. Balance,	$559 12	1887. June. Balance, (old account),	$533 00
		Dividends,	26 12
	$559 12		$559 12
This Fund is a deposit in Mechanics Savings Bank,	$559 12	1888. June. Balance,	$559 12

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
Board of Audit and Finance.

Dr. *The Adelia C. Miller Fund, in account with J. W. Angell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.			1887.		
May 16.	To paid St. Peter's Church, Manton,	$20 00	Sept. 6.	By forty shares of stock in Blackstone Canal National Bank,	$1,000 00
June.	Balance,	1,000 00	1888.		
			May 15.	Dividend Blackstone Canal National Bank,	20 00
		$1,020 00			$1,020 00
	This Fund is forty (40) shares of stock in the Blackstone Canal National Bank,	$1,000 00	1888. June.	Balance,	$1,000 00

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with Trustees, (Principal.)* *Cr.*

1888.			1888.		
May 31.	The balance consists of—		May 31.	By balance,	$60,164 85
	Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., participation account,	$35,135 96			
	People's Savings Bank account,	4,000 00			
	Providence Institution for Savings account,	553 89			
	Subscription note,	500 00			
	Twenty bonds Marion County, Indiana, dated June 1, 1883, due June 1, 1893, Nos. 1,156 to 1,175, interest at 4½, cost,	19,975 00			
		$60,164 85			$60,164 85

PROVIDENCE, May 31, 1888.
E. & O. E.

WM. GODDARD,
JOHN B. ANTHONY,
CHARLES MORRIS SMITH, } *Trustees.*

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES, } *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with Trustees, (Income.)* *Cr.*

1887.			
June 2.	To amount paid J. W. Angell, Treasurer,		$450 00
Nov. 14.	" " " " "		813 76
1888.			
Jan. 3.	" " " " "		450 00
May 10.	" " " " "		931 60
			$2,645 36

PROVIDENCE, May 31, 1888.
E. & O. E.

WM. GODDARD,
JOHN B. ANTHONY,
CHARLES MORRIS SMITH, } *Trustees.*

1887.			
June 1.	By amount interest on subscription note,	$30 00	
1.	Coupons Marion County bonds,	450 00	
Nov. 14.	6 months' interest, participation account, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.,	702 70	
	6 months' interest, Providence Institution for Savings,	11 06	
	6 months' interest, People's Savings Bank,	100 00	
Dec. 1.	Coupons Marion County bonds,	450 00	
1888.			
May 10.	6 months' interest, participation account, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.,	790 54	
	6 months' interest, People's Savings Bank,	100 00	
	6 months' interest, Providence Institution for Savings,	11 06	
			$2,645 36

PROVIDENCE, May 31, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES, } *Board of Audit and Finance.*

Dr. *Diocesan Board of Missions in account with Rathbone Gardner, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.			1887.		
June 1.	For amount paid *Rev. W. W. Sever*, for services at Valley Falls and Central Falls, June 30, 1887, $87.50; October 1, 1887, $87.50; December 31, 1887, $87.50; March 31, 1888, $87.50,	$350 00	June 1.	By balance from old account,	$711 16
	For amount paid *Rev. W. I. Magill*, for services at Greenville, June 30, 1887, $62.50; October 1, 1887, $62.50; December 31, 1887, $62.50; March 31, 1888, $62.50,	250 00	Aug. 1.	amount of Mary C. Waterman Fund,	525 30
	For amount paid *Rev S. H. Webb*, for services at Christ Church, Providence, June 30, 1887, $75.00; October 1, 1887, $75.00; December 31, 1887, $75.00; March 31, 1888, $75.00,	300 00	Oct. 1.	amount of note for $400, endorsed by Rev. D. H. Greer, discounted at Rhode Island National Bank,	390 90
	For amount paid *Rev. T. H. Cocroft*, for services at Manton, June 30, 1887, $37.50; October 1, 1887, $37.50; December 31, 1887, $37.50; March 31, 1888, $37.50,	150 00	Dec. 30.	amount of demand note for $200 to order of J. Lewis Peirce, Treasurer,	200 00
	For amount paid *Rev. S. C. M. Orpen*, for services at Phenix and Crompton, June 30, 1887, $50.00; October 1, 1887, $50.00; December 31, 1887, $50.00; March 31, 1888, $50.00,	200 00	1888.		
	For amount paid *Rev. Benjamin Eastwood*, for services at Pawtucket, June 30, 1887, $62.50; October 1, 1887, $62.50; December 31, 1887, $62.50; March 31, 1888, $62.50,	250 00	Feb. 4.	amount of note for $400, endorsed by Rev. D. H. Greer, discounted at Rhode Island National Bank,	391 40
	For amount paid *Rev. J. J. Clemens*, for services at Riverside, June 30, 1887, $100,00; October 1, 1887, $100.00,	200 00	April 2.	amount of note for $600, endorsed by Rev. D. H. Greer, discounted at Rhode Island National Bank,	587 50
	For amount paid *Rev. W. M. Chapin*, for services at Riverside, December 31, 1887, $100.00; March 31, 1888, $100.00,	200 00	June 1.	amount of contributions as per statement herewith,	2,287 79
	For amount paid *Rev. Phineas Duryea*, for services at Wakefield, June 30, 1887, $50.00; October 1, 1887, $50.00; December 1, 1887, $50.00; March 31, 1888, $50.00,	200 00			
	For amount paid *Rev. J. S. Pearce*, for services at Portsmouth, June 30, 1887, $62.50; October 1, 1887, $62.50; December 31, 1887, $62.50; March 31, 1888, $62.50,	250 00			
	Amount carried forward,	$2,350 00		Amount carried forward,	$5,094 05

Dr. *Diocesan Board of Missions in account with Rathbone Gardner, Treasurer.—(Continued.)* *Cr.*

June 1.	Amount brought forward,	$2,350 00	1888. June 1.	Amount brought forward,	$5,094 05
	For amount paid *Rev. Percy Barnes*, for services at Apponaug, June 30, 1887, $62.50; October 1, 1887, $62.50; December 31, 1887, $62.50; March 31, 1888, $62.50,	250 00			
	For amount paid *Rev. H. M. Bartlett*, for services at Cranston, June 30, 1887, $25.00; October 1, 1887, $25.00; December 31, 1887, $25.00; March 31, 1888, $25.00,	100 00			
	Total paid Missionaries,	$2,700 00			
1887. Aug. 2.	Paid note at Rhode Island National Bank,	800 00			
1888. Jan. 17.	demand note, J. Lewis Peirce, Treasurer,	200 00			
Feb. 4.	note at Rhode Island National Bank,	400 00			
17.	E. A. Johnson & Co., printing mission papers,	33 00			
	Balance to new account,	961 05			
		$5,094 05			$5,094 05
	Contributions received since closing account:		June 1.	By balance brought forward, cash in Rhode Island National Bank,	$961 05
	St. Paul's Church, Providence,	$6 00		Note maturing at Rhode Island National Bank in June, discounted February 4th, $400 00	
	Christ Church, Westerly,	30 00		Note maturing at Rhode Island National Bank in August, discount April 2d, 600 00	
	Through Rev. E. H. Porter,	11 00			1,000 00
	Emmanuel Church, Newport,	11 25		Actual deficit,	38 95
	St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston,	3 00			
	Trinity Church, South Scituate,	1 00			
	St. Paul's Church, Wickford,	25 00			

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 1, 1888.

E. & O. E.

RATHBONE GARDNER,
Treasurer.

Contributions for Diocesan Missions for the year ending June 1, 1888.

CONTRIBUTORS.	LOCATION.	1887. June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1888. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Totals.
St. Barnabas's Church	Apponaug		$2 25		$1 55			$1 40			$1 95			$7 15
St. John's Chapel	Ashton												$7 00	7 00
St. John's Church	Barrington												11 30	11 30
St. Michael's Church	Bristol										65 00		85 00	150 00
St. George's Church	Central Falls	$5 00			5 00			3 05			2 00			15 05
St. Philip's Church	Crompton	2 15			1 40			1 15			1 70		13 21	19 61
St. Luke's Church	East Greenwich					$107 35								107 35
St. Matthew's Church	Jamestown				5 00									5 00
Christ Church	Lonsdale												58 70	58 70
St. Peter's Church	Manton	1 62				1 91								3 53
Emmanuel Church	Manville						$10 00		$8 75					18 75
All Saints' Church	Newport				135 33									135 33
St. John's Church	"											$12 17		12 17
Trinity Church	"	37 37	190 05					16 58				26 61		270 61
Church of the Good Shepherd	Pawtucket					4 68		8 16			7 10			19 94
St. Paul's Church	"		25 00			25 00			25 00		45 38		25 00	145 38
Trinity Church	"										15 00			15 00
St. Andrew's Church	Phenix	1 85			1 30			1 15			1 55		14 40	20 25
All Saints' Church	Pontiac					12 00								12 00
St. Paul's Church	Portsmouth					6 00							5 00	11 00
All Saints' Memorial Church	Providence											56 00		56 00
Christ Church	"	4 00				4 00		4 50			4 50			17 00
Church of the Epiphany	"											21 08		21 08
Church of the Messiah	"											23 70		23 70
Church of the Redeemer	"						20 00							20 00
Church of the Saviour	"					11 50								11 50
Grace Church	"								200 00				200 00	400 00
St. James's Church	"										15 00			15 00
St. John's Church	"						201 96							201 96
St. Stephen's Church	"												262 71	262 71
St. Philip's Mission	Valley Falls	1 50			1 50			1 50			1 50			6 00
Church of the Ascension	Wakefield			$3 50							3 00			6 50
St. Mark's Church	Warren	18 00												18 00
do Sunday-school	"	25 60							12 00				14 82	52 42
do Sewing Society	"								34 00					34 00
Christ Church	Westerly	29 30												29 30
St. James's Church	Woonsocket							67 50						67 50
		$126 39	$217 30	$3 50	$151 08	$172 44	$231 96	$104 99	$279 75		$163 68	$139 56	$679 14	$2,287 79

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

The Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc., etc., respectfully report that $1,550 have been paid during the past year to six beneficiaries. The principal of the fund is now $23,927.49, having increased $333.02 since the last report. Of the forty-two parishes in union with the Convention, thirty-eight have contributed to the fund, while four have neglected this canonical requirement, viz.:

St. Thomas's Church, Greenville;
St. Mary's Church, East Providence;
St. Paul's Church, Providence, and
St. Peter's Church, Narragansett Pier.

Contributions have also been received from two parishes which are not in union with the Convention.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Convention to the fact of the rapidly increasing calls which are made upon it for aid. While but four beneficiaries were reported one year ago, who were drawing an income from this fund, there are to-day six, and the application of a seventh is awaiting the action of the Board. The appropriations for the ensuing year cannot be less than $1,900, while the entire income for the year just ended was but $1,883.02, so that it is evident that without more liberal contributions the principal of the fund must be encroached upon. The Board feels assured that if their needs are fully known larger contributions will be forthcoming, and they urge the Rectors of the various parishes to appeal to their congregations to increase their annual gifts to this most worthy cause.

For the Board,

CHAS. T. DORRANCE, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

Dr. *Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen and of Superannuated and Infirm Clergymen of the Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with Charles T. Dorrance, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.				1887.			
June 1.	To allowances to beneficiaries, paid quarterly, during the year, as below:			June 1.	By balance from old account,		$23,594 47
	To Number 2,		$400 00	1888.			
	" " 3,		50 00	June 1.	collections in parishes as per Schedule "A" herewith,	$861 03	
	" " 4,		300 00		income from investments as per Schedule "B" herewith,	1,021 99	
	" " 5,		300 00				1,883 02
	" " 7,		300 00				
	" " 8,		200 00				
			$1,550 00				
	To balance to new account on hand and invested as below:						
	In Providence Institution for Savings,	$1,195 04					
	Rhode Island " " "	135 00					
	People's Savings Bank,	4,443 95					
	Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., in "participation" account,	1,042 95					
	5 per cent. bonds of City of St. Paul,	5,000 00					
	5 per cent. bonds of Keokuk and Des Moines Railway Co.,	2,000 00					
	4 per cent. bonds of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co., $9,000, at $86,	7,740 00					
	Mortgage on real estate,	1,500 00					
	Cash on deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.,	$863 68					
	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	6 87					
		870 55					
			23,927 49				
			$25,477 49				$25,477 49
				1888.			
				June. 1.	Balance on hand,		$23,927 49

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

E. & O. E.

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

CHAS. T. DORRANCE, *Treasurer.*

Fund for Relief of Widows, Orphans, etc.—(Continued.)

SCHEDULE "A."

Contributions from the following parishes:

St. John's Chapel, Ashton,	$5 00
St. John's Church, Barrington,	19 36
St. Michael's Church, Bristol,	40 00
Trinity Church, Bristol,	3 86
St. George's Church, Central Falls,	5 00
St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston,	1 00
St. Philip's Church, Crompton,	4 00
St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich,	23 27
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown,	1 87
Christ Church, Lonsdale,	15 00
St. Peter's Church, Manton,	1 25
Emmanuel Church, Manville,	10 00
All Saints' Chapel, Newport,	50 00
Emmanuel Church, Newport,	28 90
St. John's Church, Newport,	5 00
Trinity Church, Newport,	44 67
Zion Church, Newport,	12 50
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket,	2 51
St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket,	10 00
Trinity Church, Pawtucket,	8 50
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet,	1 00
All Saints' Church, Pontiac,	4 50
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth,	8 13
Chapel of the Holy Cross, Portsmouth,	1 86
St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth,	4 00
All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence,	35 76
Christ Church, Providence,	3 00
Church of the Epiphany, Providence,	4 72
Church of the Messiah, Providence,	4 50
Church of the Redeemer, Providence,	10 95
Church of the Saviour, Providence,	6 00
Grace Church, Providence,	101 30
St. James's Church, Providence,	6 00
St. John's Church, Providence,	184 32
St. Stephen's Church, Providence,	100 00
St. Mark's Church, Riverside,	1 00
Church of the Ascension, Wakefield,	4 00
St. Mark's Church, Warren,	16 50
Christ Church, Westerly,	46 80
St. Paul's Church, Wickford,	15 00
St. James's Church, Woonsocket,	10 00
	$861 03

SCHEDULE "B."

Income from investments:

Interest on deposit in Providence Institution for Savings,		$46 38
Interest on deposit in People's Savings Bank,	$105 72	
Interest on deposit in People's Savings Bank,	108 37	
		214 09
Interest on deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., participation account,	20 00	
Interest on deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., participation account,	22 95	
		42 95
Interest on cash balance in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.,	5 19	
Interest on cash balance in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.,	3 38	
		8 57
Interest on St. Paul City bonds, $5,000,		250 00
Interest on Keokuk and Des Moines Railway Co. bonds, $2,000,		100 00
Interest on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. bonds, $9,000,		360 00
		$1,021 99

Dr. *Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, in account with Edward D. Bassett, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1888.			1887.		
May 3.	To Charles E. Boon, insurance for Trinity Church, South Scituate,	$15 00	June 1.	By balance from old account,	$504 15
31.	balance to new account this day,	514 65	1888.		
			Jan. 1.	one year's dividend People's Savings Bank, Providence,	25 50
		$529 65			$529 65
	This Fund consists of a deposit in the People's Savings Bank, Providence, of	$514 65	June 1.	Balance from old account,	$514 65

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

EDWARD D. BASSETT, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, E. D. Bassett, Treasurer, in account with Fund for benefit of Pontiac. Cr.

1888.		1887.	
June 1. To amount to new account,	$714 89	June 1. By balance from old account,	$680 50
		1888.	
		Jan. 1. one year's dividend People's Savings Bank, Providence,	29 22
		1. one year's dividend Citizens' Savings Bank, Providence,	5 17
	$714 89		$714 89
This Fund consists of a deposit in People's Savings Bank, Providence,	$606 88		
Citizens' Savings Bank, Providence,	108 01		
	$714 89	June 1. By amount of old account,	$714 89

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

EDWARD D. BASSETT, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, in account with E. D. Bassett, Treasurer, for Rectory Fund, St. Mary's Church, East Providence, R. I.* *Cr.*

1888. May 31. To amount to new account,	$1,406 77	1887. June 1. By amount of old account,	$1,339 00
		1888. Jan. 1. one year's dividends People's Savings Bank, Providence,	67 77
	$1,406 77		$1,406 77
This Fund consists of a deposit in the People's Savings Bank, Providence,	$1,406 77	June 1. By amount from old account,	$1,406 77

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

EDWARD D. BASSETT, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Depository Board, in account with Jacob H. Martin, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1887.				1887.		
June 28.	H. T. Grant, Jr., for St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston, order on H. Gregory,	$25 80		Jan. 1.	Balance from old account, Providence Institution for Savings,	$131 48
23.	Rev. S. H. Webb, order on H. Gregory,	10 00		June 23.	Amount from old account in Treasurer's hands, deposited in Providence Institution for Savings,	79
	Balance to new account,	122 08		23.	Convention offering, 1887, deposited in Providence Institution for Savings,	19 91
				23.	Interest from January 1, 1887, to January 1, 1888, Providence Institution for Savings,	5 70
		$157 88				$157 88
				1888.		
				June 5..	Balance to new account,	$122 08

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1888.

We have this day examined the above account, and the securities therein named, and find the same correct.

F. E. RICHMOND,
C. B. FARNSWORTH,
WM. AMES,
} *Board of Audit and Finance.*

JACOB H. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

JUNE, 1888.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	WARDENS.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMATION.	COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES.	BURIALS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		
								ADDED.										
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.		New.	By Removal.	Total.	Died.	Removed.	Present Number.			Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Total.
Apponaug	St. Barnabas's Church	Vacant	George Hardman, Cyril Thornton.	7	5	12	7	7	1	8	....	13	45	5	6	6	65	71
Ashton	St. John's Chapel	Robert Murray, Jr.	George Sparhawk, William H. Beebe.	22	1	23	5	5	2	7	....	3	74	15	20	23	258	281
Auburn	Church of the Ascension	Vacant*																
Barrington	St. John's Church	William M. Chapin	George A. Church, William T. Lewis.	6	2	8	7	7	6	13	3	12	95	3	8	4	25	29
Bristol	St. Michael's Church	George L. Locke	Jonathan D. Waldron, Thomas J. Usher.	13	5	18	15	15	3	18	7	5	436	4	22	37	263	300
"	Trinity Church	William R. Trotter	John P. Reynolds, H. Frank Munroe.	5	6	11	12	12	....	12	2	8	207	2	7	19	140	159
Central Falls	St. George's Church	Winslow W. Sever	Frederick Heywood, George A. Kent.	16	4	20	20	20	8	28	6	2	115	8	24	12	108	120
Cranston	St. Bartholomew's Church	Hamilton M. Bartlett	Charles Slocum, John Gee.	1	1	2	3	3	....	3	....	....	32	....	1	8	75	83
Crompton	St. Philip's Church	S. C. M. Orpen		13	4	17	10	10	....	10	....	6	96	9	14	10	140	150
East Greenwich	St. Luke's Church	Daniel Goodwin	James H. Eldredge, Stukely B. Wickes.	13	2	15	4	4	....	4	5	1	171	1	16	25	166	191
East Providence	St. Mary's Church	George R. Spink	Rufus W. Adams, Wm. T. Kilton.	13	2	15	9	9	7	16	2	2	50	10	20	19	122	141
Greenville	St. Thomas's Church	Vacant*																
Jamestown	St. Matthew's Church	Wm. S. Child, S. T. D.	S. D. Learned,	...	3	3	....	....	5	5	1	11	42	....	....	4	27	31
Lonsdale	Christ Church	L. Walter Lott	Addison Kinsman.	36	1	37	21	21	6	27	7	....	223	5	24	31	316	347
Manton	St. Peter's Church	Thomas H. Cocroft	Elisha O. Angell, Albert T. Mansfield.	6	....	6	....	...	4	4	1	....	60	2	10	13	95	108
Manville	Emmanuel Church	James P. Ware	William Waterman, Cyrus Cook.	8	....	8	8	8	....	8	1	9	88	2	9	12	98	110
Middletown	Berkeley Chapel	John B. Diman*																
Narragansentt Pier	St. Peter's Church	Charles H. Tindell		8	4	12	15	15	...	15	....	....	65	4	6	7	60	67
Newport	All Saints' Chapel	Vacant*																
"	Emmanuel Church	Robert B. Peet	John M. Taylor, Andrew K. McMahon.	23	5	28	12	12	7	19	8	9	264	10	21	24	207	231
"	St. John's Church	S. Wilson Moran	Willard Eddy, John T. Delano.	5	3	8	12	....	....	....	....	....	163	2	5	14	80	94
"	Trinity Church	George J. Magill	George C. Mason, Rodman Cornell.	22	13	35	21	22	10	32	11	9	443	12	22	37	225	262
"	Zion Church	Charles G. Gilliat	William H. Sherman, James H. Barney.	7	7	14	10	10	6	16	2	13	102	3	10	15	95	110
Pawtucket	Church of the Good Shepherd	Benjamin Eastwood	Richard Roberts, Michael Ludgate.	30	4	34	4	4	1	5	2	....	107	11	25	20	182	202
"	St. Paul's Church	Emery H. Porter	Charles W. Allen, W. W. Blodgett.	44	9	53	23	23	12	35	12	9	338	28	56	18	186	204
"	Trinity Church	William P. Tucker	Claudius B. Farnsworth, William Warburton.	15	3	18	3	3	3	6	4	10	172	6	18	17	113	130
Pawtuxet	Trinity Chapel	Hamilton M. Bartlett	William J. Burge, William B. Rhodes.	1	7	8	7	7	....	7	....	....	38	....	1	4	60	64
Phenix	St. Andrew's Church	S. C. M. Orpen	Ray G. Knight, Henry Lillburn.	11	5	16	11	11	....	11	....	5	53	3	1	6	40	46
Pontiac	All Saints' Church	E. S. Rousmaniere	Robert M. Pollard, Dan O. King.	25	5	30	16	16	19	35	1	7	63	1	8	18	119	137
Portsmouth	St. Mary's Church	Geo. Herbert Patterson	Robert S. Chase, Wm. H. Gifford.	8	2	10	9	9	8	17	4	5	77	....	7	14	84	98
"	St. Paul's Church	J. Sturgis Pearce	George B. Anthony, Edward F. Anthony.	1	....	1	...	....	....	....	....	....	65	....	3	8	65	73
Providence	All Saints' Memorial Church	Daniel Henshaw, S. T. D.	George C. Nightingale, Edward R. Dawley.	11	7	18	20	20	5	25	5	11	416	5	11	24	246	270
"	Christ Church	Samuel H. Webb	William J. Crossley, George W. Dickinson.	28	2	30	9	9	3	12	3	2	230	13	46	21	229	250
"	Church of the Epiphany	Henry Bassett	Edward D. Bassett, William Halton.	18	9	27	18	18	17	35	2	9	170	9	21	37	347	384
"	Church of the Messiah	Thomas H. Cocroft	Joseph Goff, Edward M. Winsor.	103	14	117	21	21	32	53	8	15	306	53	96	30	300	330
"	Church of the Redeemer	Frederick J. Bassett	George D. Briggs, C. B. Manchester.	29	3	32	20	20	7	27	1	2	250	10	18	28	226	254
"	Church of the Saviour	H. Usher Monro	A. W. Mathewson, Charles H. Mumford.	10	5	15	11	11	9	20	1	2	146	3	8	17	165	182
"	Grace Church	Vacant	John B. Anthony, Charles Morris Smith.	38	27	65	70	70	92	162	14	....	1,130	33	45	80	500	580
"	St. James's Church	Julius W. Atwood	A. M. Bowen, Ebenezer Nichols.	18	1	19	4	4	31	35	2	2	160	4	3	17	117	134
"	St. John's Church	C. A. L. Richards, D. D.	John W. Vernon, Oren Westcott.	15	....	15	13	13	4	17	9	2	400	14	27	30	200	230
"	St. Paul's Church	Samuel Snelling	William Foster, William Staples.	10	6	16	22	22	20	42	3	8	131	4	7	15	135	150
"	St. Stephen's Church	George McClellan Fiske	William Ames, R. H. I. Goddard.	59	30	89	47	48	30	78	9	19	470	8	22	18	230	248
"	St. Thomas's Church	H. Usher Monro	William J. Uglow, James Slater.	12	....	12	....	1	3	4	1	4	38	2	4	12	126	138
Riverside	St. Mark's Church	O. O. Wright	Amasa Humphrey, James Mortin.	7	5	12	5	5	9	14	....	13	66	....	2	6	40	46
Valley Falls	St. Philip's Mission	Winslow W. Sever		6	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	....	....	6	39	45
Wakefield	Church of the Ascension	Phineas Duryea	George G. Pearse, Francis M. Donally.	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	1	71	....	3	10	103	113
Warren	St. Mark's Church	William N. Ackley	Alfred B. Gardiner, Henry W. Eddy.	7	4	11	7	7	6	13	6	7	210	8	20	17	151	168
Warwick	St. Mary's Chapel	The Bishop*																
Westerly	Christ Church.	William M. Groton	Edwin Babcock, William Hoxsey.	17	3	20	8	8	12	20	4	18	233	15	13	24	264	288
Wickford	St. Paul's Church	Albert J. Thompson	James A. Greene, C. F. Wightman.	9	....	9	3	2	4	6	3	4	112	1	6	15	75	90
Woonsocket	St. James's Church	William S. Chase.	Lyman A. Cook, Henry Andrews.	23	3	26	5	5	8	13	4	3	275	15	19	36	241	277
				790	222	1,012	547	437	400	837	157	262	8,483	343	735	868	7,148	8,016

* No Report.

PARISHES.	MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNION ALMS.															RECEIPTS FOR PARISH PURPOSES.					
	Parochial Missionary and Charitable Work.	Other Local Charities.	Diocesan Board of Missions.	Other Diocesan Mission Work.	Domestic Missions, through General Board.	Domestic Missions, through other Channels.	Foreign Missions, through General Board.	Foreign Missions, through other Channels.	Indian Missions, through General Board.	Indian Missions, through other Channels.	Home Missions for Colored People, through General Board.	Home Missions for Colored People, through other Channels.	Widows and Orphans, etc., Diocesan Fund.	Education for the Ministry.	Miscellaneous and Unspecified.	TOTAL.	FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.			FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES.
																	Pew Taxes and Pew Rents.	Offerings and Subscriptions.	Other sources (not Board of Missions.			
Apponaug, St. Barnabas's			$7 15													$7 15	$104 00	$433 44	$229 00		$766 44	$773 59
Ashton, St. John's	$55 00	$14 00	7 00		$6 00	$15 00							$5 00		$53 91	155 91	631 53	778 73		$232 76	1,643 02	1,798 93
Auburn, Ascension																						
Barrington, St. John's	42 00	45 34			9 56		$9 44						19 36			125 70	332 13	653 50		1,040 99	2,026 62	2,152 32
Bristol, St. Michael's	1,130 06	482 88	150 00	$40 00	335 00		488 50	$115 00	$65 52		$150 00		40 00		330 00	3,326 96	1,629 00	1,788 62	775 16	268 98	4,461 76	7,788 72
" Trinity												$8 80	3 86		5 15	17 81		1,016 17	1,401 37		2,417 54	2,435 35
Central Falls, St. George's	29 92	2 00	15 05		6 25		6 25		6 25		6 25		5 00			76 97	295 00	1,052 37		140 50	1,487 87	1,564 84
Cranston, St. Bartholomew's			3 00										1 00			4 00		87 13		112 20	199 33	203 33
Crompton, St. Philip's		4 50	19 61		2 00		3 00						4 00		5 00	38 11	349 75	363 98		350 00	1,063 73	1,101 84
East Greenwich, St. Luke's	48 28	47 00	107 35	10 40	132 53	77 42	75 00	10 00				40 00	23 27		10 46	581 71	1,254 81	1,426 50	700 00	551 96	3,933 27	4,514 98
East Providence, St. Mary's																		742 18	368 80		1,110 98	1,110 98
Greenville, St. Thomas's																						
Jamestown, St. Matthew's			5 00		9 50		83						1 87		209 51	226 71		597 97	384 84	432 00	1,414 81	1,641 52
Lonsdale, Christ Church	141 33		58 70	23 50	44 00		39 20	10 00		$15 00		50 00	15 00			396 73	1,580 61	661 12			2,241 73	2,638 46
Manton, St. Peter's	48 00		8 00		2 00		2 25						1 25			61 50		245 00	60 00		305 00	366 50
Manville, Emmanuel		5 00	18 75		37 00		10 00		7 50		7 50		10 00		19 50	115 25	734 84	200 00		224 05	1,158 89	1,274 14
Middletown, Berkeley Chapel																						
Narragansett Pier, St. Peter's																						
Newport, All Saints' Chapel																						
" Emmanuel	623 94		11 25		21 33		46 33					78 00	28 90		93 70	903 45		2,394 32		1,250 00	3,644 32	4,547 77
" St. John's	113 00		12 17										5 00		76 75	206 92		1,483 95			1,483 95	1,690 87
" Trinity	5,951 66	213 32	236 33	150 00	303 95	755 42	302 41	264 31		39 58	73 30		44 67	$254 25	1,298 57	9,887 83	8,000 00				8,000 00	17,887 83
" Zion	510 00		12 50	15 00	28 15										5 00	570 65	873 18	3,810 36			4,683 54	5,254 19
Pawtucket, Good Shepherd			19 94													19 94		641 97		612 64	1,254 61	1,274 55
" St. Paul's	155 75	65 00	142 09	24 05	31 70		35 00	10 00	10 00		10 00	35 00	11 00	6 00	153 50	689 09	2,802 48	1,212 54	815 13	733 48	5,563 63	6,252 72
" Trinity	36 47	30 95	15 00	18 08	10 00	5 65	10 00	7 99		5 42	9 45	13 00	8 52		20 52	191 05	1,070 59	784 25	187 15	117 64	2,159 63	2,350 68
Pawtuxet, Trinity		5 00				1 00		2 50		2 50		5 00	1 00		8 00	25 00		533 85			533 85	558 85
Phenix, St. Andrew's			20 25												5 40	25 65		243 07	111 26		354 33	379 98
Pontiac, All Saints'	161 82	14 02	12 00	5 00			3 68						4 50			201 02		1,042 73		1,443 77	2,486 50	2,687 52
Portsmouth, St. Mary's		18 34	1 04		5 14	1 00	2 73		2 76		2 42	5 00	9 99		89 19	137 61		1,299 53	192 54	998 63	2,490 70	2,628 31
" St. Paul's		20 50	11 00										5 45			36 95		1,131 41		60 94	1,192 35	1,229 30
PROVIDENCE. All Saints' Memorial	622 80	327 65	56 00	61 76	122 63	84 45	135 72		29 88		19 17	29 00	35 76		458 27	1,983 09	2,024 01	2,252 27			4,276 28	6,259 37
Christ Church	16 60	30 00	18 00		12 50		12 50	2 00	2 50			5 00	3 00			95 50		900 00		746 25	1,646 25	1,741 75
Church of the Epiphany	134 52	30 00	21 08	20 00	27 83		27 83			16 50			4 72			282 48		1,760 20		680 60	2,440 80	2,723 28
Church of the Messiah	78 00		23 70			15 00		18 00		40 00		52 00	4 50	18 00	225 25	474 45	1,086 42	684 85		12 55	1,783 82	2,258 27
Church of the Redeemer	480 96	10 11	20 00	20 00	44 41		30 83						11 95	150 00	40 00	808 26		2,212 87	585 00	441 92	3,239 79	4,048 05
Church of the Saviour			11 50										6 00			17 50	166 00	1,694 94		1,124 10	2,985 04	3,002 54
Grace Church	3,823 14	3,318 58	500 00	771 25	629 58	925 00	540 00	50 00	191 42		144 00	500 00	78 20		50 00	11,520 97	10,853 85	5,765 98		2,000 00	18,619 83	30,140 80
St. James's	336 99	6 00	15 00	11 00	16 50	23 70	6 50	3 30		6 50		3 30	6 00	13 00		447 79		1,637 80		1,712 40	3,350 20	3,797 99
St. John's	5,346 08	26,794 12	201 96	67 00	2,827 86	374 70	2,731 60	77 50	110 09	270 81	396 03	100 00	184 32	340 00	1,129 34	40,951 41	6,292 72		2,277 02	1,963 69	10,533 43	51,484 84
St. Paul's	12 50	18 25	6 16		8 00			2 00	5 00				5 00			56 91	1,673 86	902 05			2,575 91	2,632 82
St. Stephen's	1,500 37	1,733 47	262 71	83 00	257 74	253 55	257 00	25 00	117 89	20 25	119 16	5 00	100 00	133 36	1,721 31	6,589 81	5,029 85	3,990 16		628 25	9,648 26	16,238 07
St. Thomas's	12 00															12 00		300 00		100 00	400 00	412 00
Riverside, St. Mark's	16 50												1 00		5 00	22,50		413 66		52 44	466 10	488 60
Valley Falls, St. Philip's			6 00												1 50	7 50		137 76		145 62	283 38	290 88
Wakefield, Ascension													4 00		5 00	9 00		992 52			992 52	1,001 52
Warren, St. Mark's	73 15	48 66	78 82	10 00	38 78		38 78						16 50	12 00	45 82	361 91	755 63	1,240 80	225 00	152 32	2,373 75	2,735 66
Warwick, St. Mary's Chapel																						
Westerly, Christ Church	166 00	83 05	30 00		50 00		60 00		60 00			25 00			70 12	484 17	1,567 77	793 36		83 59	2,444 72	2,928 89
Wickford, St. Paul's	75 19		25 00		95 34		64 35				4 00		15 00		5 44	284 32	458 10	541 90	328 40	925 00	2,253 40	2,537 81
Woonsocket, St. James's	140 00	99 21	67 50		20 00	8 25	10 00	10 00	17 31	51 25	10 00	10 00	10 00		9 00	462 52		1,729 98	1,958 17	301 46	3,989 61	4,452 13
	$21,815 43	$33,466 15	$2,236 61	$1,330 04	$5,135 28	$2,540 14	$4,949 73	$607 60	$626 12	$467 81	$951 34	$964 10	$734 59	$926 61	$6,150 21	$82,901 76	$49,566 13	$52,575 79	$10,598 93	$19,640 73	$132,381 58	$215,283 34

RULES OF ORDER

AND

A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS

OF THE

Convention of the Church of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the first day of the Convenion, after Divine Service, and a recess of fifteen minutes, the Convention shall proceed at once to business, and shall remain in session until the business of the first day is ended.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another — the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

5. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

7. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall arise and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the Convention.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave.

10. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and when required, reduced to writing.

11. When the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

12. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

13. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. When any vote is taken by orders, the names of the clergy and parishes voting in the affirmative and negative respectively, shall be distinctly announced before the result is declared, and shall be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

20. In all elections by ballot, the name of each clergyman entitled to a vote shall be called; whereupon he shall deposit his vote in a receptacle in charge of tellers, who shall remain in some convenient place until all have voted. The lay vote shall be received in the same manner. The tellers shall report to the Chair the number of votes cast, the number necessary for a choice, and the number for the respective candidates. The President or Chairman shall thereupon announce the result of the ballot. This report shall be placed on file.

21. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered in the Convention.

22. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the proceedings of the session on the last day shall be read.

23. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

24. All propositions for the adoption, amendment or repeal of Canons, or of Rules of Order, or of Standing Order of Business, shall, before action thereon, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

25. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention, as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches and Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; Reports from special committees, appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, and the appointment of a committee to recommend a place of meeting for the Convention at its next session.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports in the following order:

1. Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report of the Board of Audit and Finance.
3. Report of the Registrar.
4. Report from the Standing Committee.
5. Report from the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, etc.
9. Report of Woman's Auxiliary.
10. Report from the Board of Missions.
11. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.
12. Report of the Committee on the Religious Training of the Young.

IV. Consideration of the state of the Church in the Diocese.

V. Introduction of business for reference to Special Committees.

VI. Parochial Reports.

VII. Miscellaneous business.

The following Order of Business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention.

I. Reports of Committees appointed the previous day.

II. Elections:

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Board of Missions.
3. Of Treasurer.
4. Of Board of Audit and Finance.
5. Of Registrar.
6. Of Standing Committee.
7. Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.
8. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
9. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
10. Board of Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc.
11. Depository Board.
12. Committee on the Religious Training of the Young.

III. Miscellaneous business.

PAROCHIAL REPORT

OF

.....CHURCH*.....

.....

THE REV.....RECTOR.†

.....WARDENS.‡

BAPTISMS—

INFANTS, ...

ADULTS, ...

TOTAL, ...

CONFIRMED, ...

COMMUNICANTS—

ADDED, NEW, ...

BY REMOVAL, ...

TOTAL ADDED, ...

DIED, ...

REMOVED, ...

PRESENT NUMBER, ...

MARRIAGES, ...

BURIALS, ...

SUNDAY-SCHOOL—

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS, ...

SCHOLARS, ...

TOTAL, ...

* Fill in the *Name* of the Church; also the *place, town* or *city*.

† Or *Minister*. The name of the Rector or Minister must be given in this place. When the Parish is vacant, the Report must be made by the Wardens, and the word VACANT should be written after the name of the Parish.

‡ In *all* cases give the names of the *Wardens*.

Missionary and Charitable Contributions, including the Communion Alms.

1. For Parochial Missionary and Charitable Work, ...
2. For other local Charities in the vicinity, (such as the R. I. Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Home, etc.,) . . . .
3. For the Diocesan Board of Missions, ...
4. For other Mission Work in the Diocese, including the building of Churches and Rectories, ...
5. For Domestic Missions through the General Board of Missions, ...
6. For Domestic Missions through any other Channel, ...
7. For Foreign Missions through the General Board of Missions, ...
8. For Foreign Missions through any other Channel, ...
9. For Indian Missions through the General Board of Missions, ...
10. For Indian Missions through any other Channel, ...
11. For Home Missions to the Colored People through the General Board, ...
12. For Home Missions to the Colored People through any other Channel, ...
13. For the fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, etc.,* .....
14. For Education for the Ministry, ...
15. For..... . . . .
16. For..... . . . .
17. For..... . . . .
18. For..... . . . .
19. For..... . . . .
20. For all other Missionary and Charitable Purposes not above specified, ...

Total Missionary and Charitable Contributions,

Receipts for Parish Purposes.

I. For Support of Public Worship, ...
   1. From Pew Taxes and Pew Rents, ...
   2. From Offerings and Subscriptions, ...
   3. From Invested Funds and all other sources except the Board of Missions, ...

II. For all other Parish uses, not previously included under the head of Parochial Missionary and Charitable Work, ...

Total for Parish Purposes, ...

*Canon V. of the Diocese requires that each Parish shall "make a collection for this fund on Christmas day or upon some Sunday prior to the last day of May in each year."

Note.—The whole money contributed or expended in any way, or for any purpose, by the Parish, should be included in the two tables above.

CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a Parish Meeting of.....
Church.....regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish, the following persons, communicants of the Church,

1.....
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were chosen Delegates to represent said Parish in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island, to be held on the second Tuesday in June, 188 .

At the same meeting, the following persons, communicants of the Church,

1.....
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were chosen substitutes.

Attest,

.....
.....} WARDENS.

.....CLERK.

☞This form, when filled up, must be signed by the Church Wardens or Parish Clerk. A copy must be forwarded to the Secretary, another presented at the Convention.

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CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

OF THE

RHODE ISLAND

EPISCOPAL STATE CONVENTION.

APPROVED JUNE 12, 1888.

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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Rhode Island Episcopal Convention.

ARTICLE I.

OF ACCEDING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Rhode Island Episcopal Convention, which represents the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island, hereby declares that this church is a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and that it accedes to and acknowledges the authority of the constitution and canons of the General Convention of said church.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Rhode Island Episcopal Convention shall consist of the bishop, of all other clergymen legally and canonically resident in the diocese for one year next preceding any session thereof, and of delegates from each parish in union with the convention as hereinafter provided.

2. Clergymen legally and canonically resident for a less period shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, except the right to vote.

3. Every parish in union with the convention and any parish desiring to become united therewith, shall be entitled to elect not more

than five delegates, and, also five substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall fill the place of any delegate who may resign or be unable to attend the convention; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish and until others shall have been chosen to take their places.

4. The election of delegates and substitutes above provided for shall be subject to the following conditions, viz.: every parish having more than three hundred recorded communicants, may elect five delegates and five substitutes; every parish having less than one hundred such communicants may elect three delegates and three substitutes; all other parishes may elect four delegates and four substitutes. The number of said communicants shall be determined by the number thereof stated in the parochial report of said parish presented at the last preceding annual session of the convention.

5. Whenever, during a session of the convention, any delegate shall retire and a substitute take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the secretary, and shall by him be entered on the record and announced to the convention, before such substitute shall be entitled to membership thereof.

6. No person under ecclesiastical censure shall be entitled to a seat in the convention; and no person shall be a member thereof or hold any office by its authority, unless such person be a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION.

1. There shall be an annual session of the convention on the second Tuesday of June in each year, at such place and time as the convention at its previous annual session shall have designated.

2. The list of clergy in the diocese shall be furnished to the secretary by the bishop, or in his absence, by the standing committee, at least one week before the session, and it shall specify those who are entitled to membership of the convention in accordance with the requirements of Art. II. of the constitution.

The list of delegates entitled to membership thereof, shall be made up by the secretary from uncontested certificates of election from parishes declared by the standing committee to be in union with the convention. Any question in regard to the aforesaid lists shall be determined by the convention.

3. The bishop shall preside in the convention, but if there be no bishop, or if the bishop be absent, a president shall be chosen by ballot from the presbyters of the convention.

4. Sessions of the convention shall be opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion, and there shall be a charge by the bishop, or sermon by some preacher appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese; after which the president and secretary of the convention shall take their places, and the convention shall be called to order.

The secretary shall then call the roll of clerical and lay members entitled to seats, after which the president shall declare the convention duly organized, but no business shall be transacted until there be present one-third of the clergy entitled to a vote, and delegates representing one-third of the parishes in union with the convention. A smaller number may adjourn the convention.

5. When for grave cause it shall be deemed imprudent or inexpedient to hold the convention at the time or place appointed, the bishop may change the same. If there be no bishop, or if he be disabled, the standing committee may change the same.

6. Special sessions of the convention may be called by the bishop, at his discretion, and it shall become his duty to call them upon request of the standing committee. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, of the absence for six months of the bishop from the diocese, or of the prolonged disability of the bishop, a special session of the convention may be called by the standing committee. At least three weeks' notice of such special session shall be given to each clerical member of the convention, and to the churchwardens of each parish in union with the convention, by the secretary of the convention, or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the

bishop, or, as in the above cases, by the standing committee, to act in the secretary's stead. No business shall be transacted at any special session of the convention other than that specified in the notice by which such session has been called.

ARTICLE IV.

OF ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

1. Ecclesiastical consent may be given by the bishop and standing committee, acting together, to the organization of a parish in accordance with the requirements of an act entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Parishes," and passed at the January session of the General Assembly, A. D. 1883, whenever in their judgment, such organization is desirable and expedient.

2. No new parish shall be organized, or new church or chapel be established, or new congregation be gathered, nor shall the site of any existing church, chapel, or mission station be changed, until previous notice has been given to the rectors and vestries of the three parishes or congregations, whose places of public worship are nearest to the site proposed for the new place of worship; and until at least one month has been allowed such rectors and vestries to present any objections to the bishop and standing committee, who, acting together, may then give or withhold consent to the proposed action.

3. It shall be the duty of every parish directly on completing its organization and complying with said act, to deliver to the standing committee a copy of the certificate filed by it in the office of the Secretary of State, certified by him; and no parish shall be admitted to union with the convention until it shall have complied with the provisions of said act and have delivered a copy of such certificate to the standing committee.

ARTICLE V.

OF UNION OF PARISHES WITH THE CONVENTION.

1. A new parish may by vote of the convention, be admitted to union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of

its churchwardens and vestry, that it is a duly organized parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, and has regularly maintained public worship during the period of one year.

2. When it shall appear to the satisfaction of three-fourths of all the members of the standing committee that a parish for two years next preceding the date at which the list of parishes in the diocese shall be revised by them, has had no place of worship, or has maintained no regular services, or has failed for three years last past, after notice from the treasurer of the convention, to pay its quota of the bishop's salary and convention expenses assessed upon it, that parish shall be declared extinct, and shall be stricken from the list of parishes in union with the convention.

3. When it shall appear by the annual report of the treasurer of the convention, that a parish has not paid all its assessments for the bishop's salary and the convention expenses, such parish shall not be entitled to vote in the convention then in session, nor at any subsequent session thereof, until said overdue assessments, with the interest accrued thereon, shall have been paid in full.

ARTICLE VI.

OF MANNER OF VOTING.

Members of the convention shall upon all questions deliberate in one body, except as hereinafter provided, and in voting shall vote as individuals, unless five members shall call for a vote by orders, when the clergy and delegates shall vote separately, the delegation from each parish being entitled to but one vote; and a concurrent majority of both orders shall be necessary to decide any question.

ARTICLE VII.

OF TERMS OF OFFICE.

All officers, committees and trustees elected by the convention shall hold office until the next annual session thereof, and until their successors are chosen, except as may be otherwise provided by this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF SECRETARY, TREASURER AND REGISTRAR.

1. At each annual session of the convention there shall be elected a secretary of the convention and a registrar. There shall also be elected a treasurer of the convention, who may be removed from office in such manner as may be provided by canon. (See canon 7, section 4.)

2. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected by joint ballot, *provided*, however, that if only one person be nominated for each of these offices, a ballot may be dispensed with.

3. If the treasurer be not a delegate to the convention, he shall be entitled to a seat therein and to speak on any subject pertaining to the business of his office.

4. A vacancy in the office of treasurer, occurring during the recess of the convention, shall be filled in such manner as may be prescribed by canon.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. A standing committee consisting of four presbyters and four laymen shall be elected at each annual session of the convention. A majority of their number shall constitute a quorum. The secretary of this committee shall hold office until his successor is chosen. He shall call the first meeting of a newly-elected committee in such manner as the rules of the standing committee may direct.

2. The standing committee shall promptly fill any vacancies, which may occur during the recess of the convention, in the offices of secretary of the convention and registrar. They may also, at their discretion, fill any vacancies occurring during said recess in their own body, or in any of the boards and committees created by the convention.

3. They shall revise, in accordance with the requirements of section 2 of Article V. of the constitution, the list of parishes submitted to them by the secretary of the convention, and return the same to him at least one month before the annual session thereof. The list thus revised shall be the authorized list of parishes in union with the convention for such session and for any special session held during the following year; provided that new parishes may be added to the list at an annual session by vote of the convention.

4. They shall keep a record of their proceedings and shall annually present a report thereof to the convention.

ARTICLE X.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

1. Deputies and supplementary deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen at the annual session of the convention immediately preceding the regular triennial session of the General Convention.

2. The clergy and delegates sitting apart, the clergy shall by ballot nominate the clerical deputies, and the delegates shall by ballot nominate the lay deputies, the delegation from each parish having but one vote. These nominations shall then be reported, the clerical nominations to the delegates and the lay nominations to the clergy, and shall by each body be confirmed or rejected by ballot. Each body shall then report its action to the other. In either body, upon request of two members thereof, the ballot shall be taken upon each candidate separately. In the event of any rejection another nomination shall be made as before directed. Upon the concurrence of the two bodies the convention shall reassemble and receive report of the concurrent action, which shall then be declared by the president of the convention.

3. Supplementary deputies shall be chosen in the same manner. In case of the resignation or failure to occupy his seat, of a deputy, clerical or lay, his place shall be filled by one of the supplementary deputies in the order in which they were chosen; and it shall be the

duty of said deputy and of the first chosen of the remaining deputies of his order to notify the supplementary deputy of the duty devolved upon him.

ARTICLE XI.

OF ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When a bishop is to be elected in this diocese, a duly qualified presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America shall be chosen by the convention at an annual or special session. The clergy and delegates shall sit in one body, but shall vote by orders; and a concurrent majority of both orders shall determine the choice. At the request of two members the convention shall sit with closed doors.

ARTICLE XII.

OF ADOPTION OF CANONS.

Canons for the government of the diocese, and rules of order for the conduct of business in the convention may be adopted or amended at any session of the convention; *provided*, that one day's notice of the proposed canon or rule of order or amendment thereto shall have been given.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1. This constitution may be altered in the following manner: at any annual session a written amendment to the constitution may be approved by the convention, and at the next annual session the same may be adopted by a concurrent majority of both orders, and the amendment thus adopted shall be a valid part of the constitution.

2. Amendments to this constitution and to the canons shall take effect, unless otherwise ordered by the convention, on the first of August next after the adjournment of the convention at which they are adopted.

THE CANONS

OF THE

Rhode Island Episcopal Convention.

CANON 1.

OF REGULAR COMMITTEES.

At each annual session of the convention the president shall appoint the following committees and such others as the convention may from time to time add to their number, viz.: a committee on canons, a committee on admission of new parishes, a committee on unfinished business and a committee on place of meeting for the convention at its next annual session. Each of these committees shall consist of four members, except the committee on canons, which shall consist of six.

CANON 2.

OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

1. There shall be elected by the convention a board of missions, to consist of five clergymen and five laymen, of whom three clergymen and two laymen shall be chosen by the convention at its annual session one year, and two clergymen and three laymen the following year.

2. When a ballot is called for in the choice of the board, in the year when three clergymen and two laymen are to be chosen, each member of the convention shall vote for two clergymen and one layman only, and the three clergymen and two laymen receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; and in the year when two clergymen and three laymen are to be chosen, each member of the convention shall vote for one clergyman and two laymen

only, and the two clergymen and three laymen receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for any member of the board, the entire ballot shall be annulled.

3. The bishop of the diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, president of the board, and shall appoint its missionaries.

4. This board shall conduct the missions of the diocese, and they shall hold missionary meetings in the diocese at such times and places as they may deem to be advantageous to the missionary work; provided, however, that the convention shall not be responsible for any expenses of such meetings.

5. Parishes or individuals may direct to what missionary their contribution shall be devoted; provided that no missionary shall receive from the board more than the salary voted him by the board, and that any surplus of such contribution shall go into the general fund for missions.

6. No salary shall be paid to the missionary of any station at which a debt, for a church, rectory, or other parish building, shall be hereafter incurred, until after the entire liquidation of the debt, unless it be incurred with the written consent of the bishop and of the board of missions. The attention of each missionary shall be annually called to the requirement of this section by the secretary of the board of missions.

7. At each annual session of the convention the board shall present an account, duly audited, of their receipts, investments and expenditures, and a report of the general condition and prospects of their missions, with an estimate of the amount required for their work in the ensuing year, and a proposed apportionment of the said amount among the parishes of the diocese.

CANON 3.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. At each annual session of the convention there shall be elected a committee on Christian education, to consist of three clergymen and two laymen.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider the following and kindred subjects, and to report annually to the convention, viz.: the Sunday school and its relation to the parish church; the means by which can be secured the attendance of Sunday scholars at the regular services of the Church; the various methods of training children and youth by religious instruction; the qualifications of Sunday school teachers; the Sunday school library and how it shall be created and maintained.

3. They may, at their discretion, hold conventions or public conferences in the diocese for the promotion of interest in Christian education and for the discussion of subjects relating thereto; provided, however, that all expenses of such conventions or conferences shall be paid by voluntary contributions.

CANON 4.

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES AND GLEBES.

1. There shall be elected by the convention a board of trustees of churches and glebes. This board shall consist of the bishop and three laymen, one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and hereafter, the convention shall annually elect one member of the board to hold office for three years. The bishop shall be, *ex officio*, chairman.

2. Applications from parishes in the diocese, for aid in the building, repairing or paying for churches, may be made to this board; and it shall be the duty of the board to receive and pay out, on such conditions as they shall judge most conducive to the extension of the Church, all moneys contributed for the purposes specified in this section, and not specially appropriated by the contributors.

3. This board may receive and hold for the use of the Church in this diocese, or in any parish or place therein, property that has been or may be conveyed to them, or to the convention, for churches, rectories, glebes or schools, or for the support of either of them; and they shall manage and dispose of such property according to the direction of the donor or grantor expressed at the time of making the

gift or grant; provided, that such directions and uses shall be for the benefit of the Church, and not inconsistent with the constitution and canons of the convention; and provided further that such property shall be held and managed subject to the conditions of the canons of the General Convention relating to incumbrance on, or alienation of, any consecrated church or chapel. (Title I., canon 24, § ii.) In case no directions respecting such property shall be given at the time of making such gift or grant, this board shall manage and dispose of the same in accordance with such directions as may be given from time to time by the convention, and they shall cause all property in their charge needing such protection to be insured.

4. In case of any debt upon property held in trust by the board, which debt cannot be cancelled by the parties beneficially interested, the board shall not assume it, but it shall be the duty of the board to make known the fact of said indebtedness in such manner as may best secure offerings for its payment.

5. The board may endeavor to secure, by collections in the several churches in the diocese and by donations and bequests from individuals, a permanent fund for the purposes specified in the second section.

6. At each annual session of the convention the board shall present a report of their transactions, and also an account, duly audited, of their receipts, investments and expenditures.

CANON 5.

OF THE BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN AND OF SUPERANNUATED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN.

1. There shall be elected by the convention a board for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen and of superannuated and infirm clergymen. This board shall consist of the bishop and three laymen, one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and hereafter, the convention shall annually elect one member of the board to hold office for three years.

The bishop shall be, *ex officio*, chairman. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, the president of the standing committee shall be, *ex-officio*, a member and chairman of the board.

2. The fund held and managed by this board shall consist of collections in churches, and of donations and legacies specially designated for the purposes of this canon; and it is hereby made the duty of each clergyman having charge of a parish, and of the churchwardens in every vacant parish, to make a collection for this fund on Christmas day, or upon some Sunday prior to the last day of April in each year.

3. Appropriations from this fund shall be made by the board in such manner, and in such amounts as they may deem expedient; *provided*, that no appropriation shall be made to the family of a deceased clergyman, who was not at the time of his decease, canonically resident in this diocese, or to any superannuated or infirm clergyman who did not continue in the exercise of his sacred duties until providentially disabled, unless by and with the advice and written consent of the standing committee.

4. At every annual session of the convention, the board shall present an account duly audited, of their receipts, investments, appropriations and expenditures.

CANON 6.

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

1. There shall be elected by the convention a board of trustees of the episcopal fund, to consist of three laymen; one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and hereafter the convention shall annually elect one member to hold office for three years. This board shall have the special care of the fund for the support of the episcopate, and shall pay annually to the treasurer of the convention the income of said fund.

2. They shall, at each annual session of the convention, present an account, duly audited, of their receipts, investments and expenditures.

CANON 7.

OF THE BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

1. There shall be elected by the convention a board of audit and finance to consist of three laymen; of whom one shall hold office for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years; and the convention at each annual session hereafter shall elect one member, who shall hold office for the term of three years.

2. It shall be the duty of this board, before each annual session of the convention, to audit all accounts of the treasurer of the convention, and to inspect the vouchers, securities and investments in his hands belonging to the convention; and from time to time to advise and instruct the treasurer as to the sale and re-investment of any securities belonging to the convention, and as to the care and investment of any funds to which the convention shall hereafter be entitled by gift, devise or otherwise; and the treasurer shall not be held responsible by the convention for any loss or damage it may sustain by reason of any investment or change of investment of its funds made by the treasurer under the written advice and instruction of the board.

3. It shall be the duty of the board to authorize the treasurer of the convention to borrow money for the purpose of paying the salary of the bishop at the time the same may be due, if the treasurer cannot collect from the parishes the necessary amount; and one member of the board shall countersign any obligation which the treasurer may issue under their authority.

4. The board shall have authority to remove the treasurer of the convention from his office whenever in their judgment such removal may be necessary, *provided*, however, that such removal may be made only by the unanimous action of the full board. And it shall be their duty to fill any vacancy, which may occur during the recess of the convention, in the office of treasurer, by reason of death, removal or resignation.

5. It shall also be the duty of the board, before each annual session of the convention, to audit the accounts and to inspect the vouchers, securities and investments of each of the boards of trustees and committees who now have, or to whom may hereafter be given, the care of any funds belonging to the convention.

6. It shall also be the duty of the board to present at each annual session of the convention, a report showing the amount the board estimate will be required to be raised by assessment for the bishop's salary and the convention expenses for that year, and to recommend the sums to be assessed by the convention upon the several parishes in union with it. Said assessments shall be due and payable in two equal amounts, viz.: one-half thereof *on the first day of July next after said session, and the remainder thereof, on the first day of January next thereafter.*

CANON 8.

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the convention to make minutes of the proceedings of the convention, to attest its public acts, to preserve its journal and records, to transmit to the registrar all other books and papers relative to its concerns, including the journals of other dioceses or of the General Convention, which may be in his possession as secretary, and to direct the distribution of the printed journals of the diocese among the parishes in it.

2. He shall before Easter of each year transmit by mail to all parish ministers and senior churchwardens of the diocese, duplicate forms of certificates of the election of delegates to the convention. Both of these forms shall be filled up by the clerks of their respective parishes; one of the same shall be sent by mail to the secretary of the convention during Easter week; and the other shall be delivered to the delegate first named in said certificate, in order that he may present it to the secretary at the session of the convention.

3. He shall give due notice of the time and place of the sessions of the convention, and shall also, one month before each annual ses-

sion thereof, send by mail to the rector, or senior churchwarden of every parish, the form required for parochial reports.

4. He shall also, at least two months before the annual session of the convention, send to the standing committee a list of the parishes in the diocese in order that the same may be revised by them.

5. His salary shall be fixed from time to time by the convention.

CANON 9.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

1. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the convention to receive and collect at the times specified in the sixth section of canon 7, all assessments ordered by the convention upon the parishes. If said assessments be not paid on or before the days named in said section, then it shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect legal interest thereon until said assessments shall have been paid in full.

2. He shall pay quarterly to the bishop the salary pledged to him by the convention, and shall perform such other duties and meet such other demands upon the treasury as the convention from time to time may authorize and require. If the treasurer have not sufficient money to pay to the bishop the amount of his salary when the same is due, he may borrow enough for that purpose, *provided*, that he shall first obtain the written consent thereto of the board of audit and finance; and *provided further*, that any obligation given by the treasurer, shall be countersigned by one member of said board.

3. At each annual session of the convention he shall present an account, duly audited, of his receipts, investments and expenditures.

4. He shall, under the direction and approval of the board of audit and finance, take possession of, hold and manage all property, real and personal (not now in the hands of any special board of trustees), belonging to the convention, or to which the convention shall hereafter be entitled by gift, devise or otherwise, not by these canons made a special trust, until the convention shall order other management or disposition of the same. It shall be the duty of the treasurer

to report annually to the convention any action which he may take under the authority given to him in this section.

5. He shall also report annually to the convention the names of those parishes which have not paid all their assessments for the bishop's salary and the convention expenses.

CANON 10.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

The registrar shall have the care of all documents pertaining to the history of the Church in Rhode Island and of all journals of other dioceses and of the General Convention, and of any other documents that may be the property of the convention; and it shall be his duty to properly arrange and preserve the same in some suitable place and to hold them subject to such regulations as the convention may from time to time prescribe.

He shall at each annual session of the convention present a report of his transactions.

CANON 11.

OF ACCOUNTS.

The financial accounts of the treasurer of the convention and of all boards and committees holding funds or property belonging to the convention, shall be closed annually on the thirty-first day of May.

CANON 12.

OF THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The annual salary of the bishop of the diocese shall be five thousand dollars and shall be derived from the income of the episcopal fund and from assessments ordered by the convention upon the several parishes. It shall be due on the first days of March, June, September and December.

The travelling expenses of the bishop, while engaged in episcopal duties within the diocese, shall be repaid to him by the treasurer of the convention.

CANON 13.

OF THE COMMUNION ALMS.

The alms and contributions at the administration of the Holy Communion shall be deposited with the minister of the parish or with such church officer as shall be appointed by him, to be applied by the minister, or under his superintendence, to such pious and charitable uses as shall by him be thought fit. If there be no minister, the churchwardens shall receive and administer this fund.

CANON 14.

OF PARISH REGISTERS.

1. Every minister of this Church, having charge of a parish or mission station, shall keep in a substantial register to be provided by the parish, a full record of the communicants, baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials in said parish; and shall also make and continue to keep, as far as practicable, a list of all families and baptised persons within his cure. Said register and list, at the resignation or death of such minister shall be left for the use of his successor.

2. When a parish or mission is without a minister, the register shall be kept by the churchwardens or by some person appointed by the vestry.

CANON 15.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

1. Every minister of this Church, having charge of a parish or mission station, shall, at each annual session of the convention, present to the president thereof, a report, which shall be made in such form and shall give information concerning such details of parochial work, as the convention shall prescribe and require.

2. When a parish or mission station is without a minister, the annual parochial report shall be presented to the president of the convention by the churchwardens.

CANON 16.

OF REMOVAL OF COMMUNICANTS.

1. A communicant, removing from one parish to another, shall procure from the rector of the parish of his last residence, or if there be no rector, from one of the churchwardens, a certificate stating that such person is a communicant in good standing, which certificate shall be presented to the rector or churchwardens of the parish to which said person has removed, by whom its receipt shall be duly recorded and notice of the record given to the authority whence the certificate issued; and no rector or churchwarden shall record any such person as a communicant until such certificate be presented, unless in his judgment it shall be impracticable to procure it.

CANON 17.

OF TESTIMONIALS OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

Whenever any vestry shall sign a testimonial in behalf of a person to be recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders, or for ordination, such signing shall be done at a meeting of the said vestry regularly called, and the testimonial shall state that it was so signed, and shall be certified by the clerk of the vestry.

CANON 18.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

1. For the trial of all complaints against a presbyter or deacon in this diocese, there shall be a permanent ecclesiastical court, consisting of three presbyters, of this diocese, who shall be nominated by the bishop and confirmed by the convention.

There shall be also a legal adviser of the court, nominated and confirmed in the same way, who shall be a layman of the legal profession and a communicant of the Church in this diocese; and it shall be his duty to decide all questions of law and practice arising in any trial, and all such decisions shall be reduced to writing and be made a part of the record of the proceedings.

Members of the court and its legal adviser shall hold their office during the episcopate of the bishop nominating them, and until others are nominated and confirmed in their stead; *provided*, that if any of them shall die, resign, accept an election to the standing committee, become subject to prosecution under the canons of the Church, remove from the diocese, or be the complainant against the clergyman to be tried, the bishop shall immediately appoint to fill the vacancy so occasioned, another person who shall hold the office until the next annual session of the convention, when the bishop shall nominate to the convention for confirmation, either the person so appointed, or some other.

This court shall have jurisdiction of offences for which ministers may be tried and punished under the canons of the General Convention.

The court shall elect a president from their number, and a clerk, who shall be a layman and a communicant of the Church in the diocese.

2. Complaint against any clergyman subject to the jurisdiction of this diocese, for any offence for which he may be tried in accordance with the canons of the General Convention, shall be made to the standing committee, and shall be in writing and signed by one presbyter canonically resident, and by two lay communicants of the Church resident in the diocese. It shall state that the acts complained of are true of their own knowledge, or that on careful inquiry they believe them to be true.

3. Should the standing committee, after due notice to the accused, who shall have a right to be heard by the committee, deem the complaint well founded and deserving prosecution, they shall make a written presentment, stating the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance, which presentment shall be signed by the standing committee or a majority of them, and be delivered to the president of the court.

4. The president shall then summon the court with the legal ad-

viser thereof, and appoint a time and place for the trial. He shall cause the defendant to be summoned to appear at the time and place so appointed, and to answer to the complaint. The summons shall be served by some person appointed by the president, by leaving a certified copy of the summons and presentment with the defendant, at least thirty days before the time of trial. If the person so appointed shall certify that the defendant cannot be found in the diocese, so that he may be personally served with the summons, service shall be sufficient if the copies aforesaid shall be left at his last and usual place of abode therein: *provided*, that the court may require such other or further notice to the defendant of the proceedings as they may deem proper.

5. The standing committee shall appoint some proper person or persons to conduct the prosecution, *provided*, that all such prosecuting officers shall be communicants of the Church in this diocese.

6. Questions of practice and of the admission of evidence, when not governed by canons of the diocese, or of the General Convention, shall follow the analogies of the law courts of this State, so far as the authority of the court may extend. Witnesses may be examined by either party in the presence of the court, and when the personal attendance of witnesses cannot be had, their testimony may be taken in writing, in such manner and by such persons as the court may order.

7. The accused may employ legal counsel or other assistance in his defence on the trial.

8. The court shall act by a majority, and shall determine whether the accused is guilty or not guilty; and if they find that he is guilty of all or any part of the matters charged against him, they shall, in their discretion, award judgment of admonition, suspension or deposition.

9. A full record of the proceedings of the court, with the testimony, whether oral or written, shall be kept by the clerk, and a certified copy thereof, shall, within twenty days after the rising of the court, be delivered by him to the bishop, who shall within thirty days after the receipt of said certified copy, if the judgment is against the

defendant, proceed to administer the discipline awarded therein; *provided*, that the bishop for reasons satisfactory to him, a written statement of said reasons having first been filed with the clerk of the court, may, at any time, remit the whole or any part of the penalty imposed, or may order a new trial.

10. Should the accused not appear at the trial, and no good reason be shown for his absence, the court shall direct the clerk to certify such default to the bishop, who shall thereupon suspend him from the exercise of his clerical functions until further order of the court. In case the defendant shall apply to the president of the court within six months from the date of such default for leave to appear and answer to the complaint, and to submit to the judgment of the court, the president shall assemble the court, and appoint a time and place for the trial. In case the defendant shall not apply for trial within six months from such default, the clerk of the court shall certify such further default to the bishop, who shall thereupon depose him from the ministry.

11. If the trial of a clergyman should become necessary during a vacancy of the episcopate in the diocese, the bishop of any other diocese may, at the request of the standing committee, perform all the acts assigned by this canon to the bishop of this diocese.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Rhode Island Episcopal Convention.

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1. The following rules of order shall be read at every session of the convention immediately after the president has declared it duly organized:

2. On the first day of the convention, after Divine Service, the convention shall proceed to business, and remain in session until the business for the first day is ended.

3. The sessions of the convention shall be open to all persons, until otherwise ordered by the convention.

4. The clergy and delegates of each parish shall sit together, the several delegations occupying adjoining pews.

5. At the request of the president, or on motion, the convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

6. All special committees shall be appointed by the president, un less otherwise ordered by the convention.

7. All reports of committees shall be in writing and be received of course, and be recorded without a motion to that effect, unless they be recommitted by the convention.

8. When the president is putting any question, the members shall remain in their seats, and shall not by private conversation interrupt the convention.

9. When two or more members rise at the same time to obtain the floor, the president shall name the member who may speak first.

10. When a member is about to speak, he shall rise and address the chair, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without consent of the convention.

12. The president shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the convention.

13. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

14. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to commit, to postpone, to lay on the table, or to adjourn.

15. A motion to lay on the table or to adjourn shall always be in order, and be decided without debate.

16. A question susceptible of division, shall, at the request of any member, be divided.

17. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by a rising vote, *provided*, that a vote shall be taken by ballot when called for by three members.

18. Every member who is in the convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or be excused by the president.

19. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes when required by ten members.

20. When a vote is taken by ballot, the name of each clergyman entitled to a vote shall be called; whereupon he shall deposit his ballot with tellers appointed by the chair. The lay vote shall be taken in the same manner. The tellers shall report to the chair the number of votes cast, the number necessary for a choice, and the number for the respective candidates; the chair shall thereupon announce the result of the vote and the report shall be placed on file.

21. When a vote is taken by orders, the names of the clergy and parishes voting in the affirmative and negative respectively, shall be distinctly announced before the result is declared, and be entered on the minutes of the convention.

22. A question once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention, and shall not again be debated during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read at the opening of the convention, and, if necessary, be corrected; and before the final rising of the convention, the minutes of the last day shall be read.

24. All propositions for the adoption, amendment or repeal of canons, or rules of order, or the order of business, shall, before action thereon, be referred to the committee on canons.

25. No rule of order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR THE

Annual Session

OF THE

Rhode Island Episcopal Convention.

After organization of the convention, as provided for in the constitution, the rules of order having been read, the following order of business shall be observed on the first day of the session:

I. Election of the secretary of the convention.

II. Appointment of committees: on canons, on admission of new parishes, on unfinished business, on place of meeting for the convention at its next annual session.

III. Report of the treasurer of the convention.

IV. Business incident to the organization of the convention, including applications of parishes for admission to union with it.

V. Reading of the bishop's address.

VI. Reports in the following order:

1. Committee on admission of new parishes.
2. Committee on unfinished business.
3. Special committees appointed at a preceding session of the convention.

VII. Regular annual reports in the following order:

1. Registrar.
2. Standing committee.
3. Board of audit and finance.
4. Board of trustees of the episcopal fund.

5. Board of trustees of churches and glebes.
6. Board for relief of widows and orphans, etc.
7. Board of missions.
8. Treasurer of board of missions.
9. Committee on Christian education.
10. Woman's auxiliary.

VIII. Introduction of business for reference to committees.
IX. Consideration of the state of the Church in the diocese.
X. Parochial reports.
XI. Miscellaneous business.

The following order of business shall be observed on the second day of the session:

I. Roll call of members.
II. Reading the record of the first day's proceeding.
III. Reports in the following order:
1. Report of committee on place of meeting.
2. Reports of other committees.
IV. Elections in the following order:
1. Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Standing committee.
3. Treasurer of the convention.
4. Registrar.
5. Committee on Christian education.
6. Board of missions.
7. Board of audit and finance.
8. Board of trustees of the episcopal fund.
9. Board of trustees of churches and glebes.
10. Board for relief of widows and orphans, etc.
V. Miscellaneous business.
VI. Reading of the minutes before adjournment.

State of Rhode Island, &c.

In General Assembly.

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1844.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE RHODE ISLAND EPISCOPAL STATE CONVENTION.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. That John P. K. Henshaw, Nathan B. Crocker, George W. Hathaway, Silas A. Crane, Thomas Burgess, Resolved Waterman, George Mumford, and such others as are members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and their successors, chosen according to the constitution of said Convention, be, and they hereby are created and made a corporation and body politic forever, by the name and style of the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention, for missionary and other purposes: and by that name shall be, and hereby are created, and made capable in law in addition to and exclusive of church buildings and the fixtures and furniture thereof and lands for the same, and parsonage-houses and lands for the same, to purchase, receive, have, own, possess and enjoy other lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and estate of any kind or nature whatsoever not exceeding in value the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the same to sell, grant, demise and dispose of; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended against, in courts of record, or in any other place whatsoever; also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter,

or renew at pleasure. Also to enact, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, they not being contrary to the constitution of this State or the laws thereof, or the constitution of the United States, as to them shall seem expedient; and also to alter their said constitution according to the provisions in said constitution contained. [*As amended at October Session, A. D. 1850, and January Session, A. D. 1882.*]

Sec. 2. The officers of said Convention shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Standing Committee to consist of not less than six members, together with such other officers as said Convention shall judge necessary and expedient; and in addition to said committee and the officers of said corporation, said corporation shall have power to appoint and constitute committees and trustees, who shall make report at the annual meetings, and hold their places by like tenure as is provided in the fourth section of this act for the officers and Standing Committee of said corporation. [*As amended at October Session, A. D. 1850.*]

Sec. 3. [*Repealed October Session, A. D. 1850.*]

Sec. 4. There shall be a meeting of said Convention on the second Tuesday of June in each year, or at such other time, and at such hour and place as the said Convention may appoint, by themselves or by their Standing Committee, for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before such meetings; at said annual meetings the Standing Committee shall make report of their doings, and the Treasurer shall exhibit the state of the treasury; and should it at any time so happen, that an election of officers should not be had, or made at the time appointed for such purpose, the officers and Standing Committee last elected, shall be empowered to officiate in their respective offices, and exercise all the powers, and discharge all the duties thereto belonging or appertaining, until a new election by said Convention shall be had and made.

Sec. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall, *ex-officio*, be President of the Convention, and in the absence of the Bishop, a President *pro tempore* may be chosen by said Convention by ballot.

SEC. 6. Fifteen members of said Convention shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; a majority of the Standing Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business appertaining to said committee; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a meeting of said Convention at any time upon the written request of any ten members thereof, by giving notice of the time and place thereof, in such manner as the Convention may designate. [*As amended at January Session, A. D. 1859.*]

SEC. 7. Any donation, devise or legacy made to said Convention and by them accepted, shall be faithfully applied to the specific purpose designated by the donor or devisor.

SEC. 8. Until a meeting of the Convention aforesaid, for the choice of officers shall be had in conformity to this charter, John P. K. Henshaw, being President as aforesaid, Azel D. Cole shall be Secretary, Ezra W. Howard, Treasurer, and Henry Waterman, Silas A. Crane, George W. Hathaway, Resolved Waterman, George Mumford and Thomas Burgess, Standing Committee.

SEC. 9. This charter shall be subject to all future acts of the General Assembly, whether in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

TO THE

Charter of the Convention.

In the title of the Act, strike out "State," so that the name shall be the "Rhode Island Episcopal Convention."

Section 1, line 4, strike out "of" after Church, and substitute "in," so that the title will be "Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese, etc."

In Section 1, line 8, strike out "State," so that the name shall be the "Rhode Island Episcopal Convention."

In Section 1, line 20, after "such" insert "canons," so that the clause shall read: "establish and put in execution such canons, by-laws, &c."

In Section 2, line 3, strike out "to consist of not less than six members."

Strike out Section 6.

In Section 4, strike out all after "treasury," and insert: "The officers and Standing Committee last elected shall hold their places for such period as may be prescribed by the constitution and canons of said Convention."

Form of Bequest.

I give, devise and bequeath to the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for Missionary and other purposes, the sum of.....
for its uses and purposes.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Session of the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention will be held in

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

On the Second Tuesday in June, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M.

S. H. WEBB, Secretary.